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Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., speaks before the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing about an investigation, Friday, Sept. 28, 2018 on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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By LISA MASCARO, ALAN FRAM and MARY CLARE JALONICK Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reversing course, President Donald Trump bowed to Democrats' demands Friday for a deeper FBI investigation of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh after Republican Sen. Jeff Flake balked at voting for confirmation without it — a sudden turn that left Senate approval newly uncertain amid allegations of sexual assault.

Kavanaugh's nomination had appeared back on track earlier Friday when he cleared a key hurdle at the Senate Judiciary Committee. But that advance came with an asterisk.

Flake indicated he would take the next steps — leading to full Senate approval — only after the further background probe, and there were suggestions that other moderate Republicans might join his revolt.

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Judge: Democrats in Congress can sue Trump over emoluments

By TAMI ABDOLLAH and STEPHEN BRAUN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal district judge in Washington ruled Friday that a group of nearly 200 Democratic senators and representatives have legal standing to sue President Donald Trump to prove he violated the U.S. Constitution's emoluments provision banning the acceptance of gifts from foreign and domestic interests.

The U.S. District Court Judge Emmet Sullivan found that lawmakers have adequately shown that they've suffered harm from the president's alleged violation of the emoluments clause, which prohibit government officials from accepting benefits from foreign governments unless a majority of both houses of Congress consent.

The ruling was the second time a federal court judge has decided to advance such unprecedented constitutional lawsuits against the president. A federal judge in Maryland ruled in



In this June 30, 2018, file photo, aw enforcement officers stand guard in front of the Trump Hotel in Washington.

July that a similar lawsuit against Trump filed by the attorneys general for Maryland and the District of Columbia could proceed, but only as pertained to earnings from Trump's Washington, D.C., hotel.

Sullivan's decision Friday only pertained to the issue of legal standing and did not look at the merits portion of the Justice Department's motion to dismiss. That comes next.

Justice Department spokeswoman Kelly Laco said in a statement that the government believes this case should be dismissed and "will continue to defend the President in court."

The lawyers representing 198 congressional Democrats were led by Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Connecticut Democrat who, along with his colleagues, have argued that Trump isn't letting them do their jobs. He praised Sullivan's ruling. "This is a bombshell victory enabling us to move forward to hold the president accountable for violating the chief corruption prohibition in the United States' Constitution," Blumenthal told the AP. "President Trump has been violating it repeatedly with impunity and now we as members need to hold him accountable."

The Democrats' attorney Elizabeth Wydra, who is president of the nonprofit Constitutional Accountability Center and argued the case in court, said that "by recognizing that members of Congress have standing to sue, the court proved to all in America today that no one is above the law, not even the president."

The Trump Organization did

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to a request for comment. The case argues that the president has received foreign government favors, such as Chinese government trademarks for his companies, payments for hotel room stays and event-space rentals by representatives of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, and proceeds from Chinese or Emirati-linked government purchases of office space in Trump Tower.

Ethics experts say the constitutional emoluments clause was created by the Founding Fathers to ensure that government officials act with the interests of the American public in mind instead of their own pocketbooks.

Unlike prior presidents, Trump chose not to divest from his assets and he remains the owner of the Trump Organization, a sprawling business empire with 550 entities in more than 20 countries that include branded hotels, golf courses, licensing deals and other interests. His Washington, D.C., hotel is near the White House and has become a magnet for foreign governments, previously hosting groups tied to Kuwait, Bahrain, Turkey, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia. The District of Columbia case is one of three that argues the president is

violating the emoluments clause, but this case is notable because the plaintiffs in this suit — members of Congress — are mentioned in the clause itself. The Democrats' attorneys have argued that Congress not only has a right but is required, as part of their jobs, to weigh in on potential emoluments to Trump such as a \$6.5 million condo purchase by the Qatari government or a Chinese-government owned company's investment in a project that will include a Trump-branded hotel and golf course in Indonesia.

Justice Department lawyers argued in court papers that the Democrats suing the president are not being injured by him at all but by their colleagues in Congress, who have refused to take up the emoluments issue. While the judge acknowledged that the case did raise separation of power concerns, he also noted that "plaintiffs have no adequate legislative remedy" but can be resolved by the judicial process by requiring the president to ask for congressional consent before accepting emoluments.

Sullivan's decision broadens the potential legal peril for Trump and his companies after U.S. District Judge Peter J. Messitte ruled that the emoluments clause lawsuit filed in a Maryland federal court could proceed against Trump. That case, however, is only limited to earnings Trump has received from the Trump International Hotel, which opened in Washington in September 2016.

In July, Messitte dismissed the Justice Department's contention that Trump's business activity such as hotel room earnings don't qualify under the constitutional definition of emoluments. The case has moved to the legal discovery stage. The Justice Department, however, has asked for an appeal in that case and for all proceedings to halt until an appeals court rules.





Trump agrees to FBI probe of Kavanaugh, bows to Flake, Dems

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The abrupt developments gave senators, the White House and millions of Americans following the drama at home hardly a chance to catch their breath after Thursday's emotional Senate hearing featuring Kavanaugh angrily defending himself and accuser Christine Blasey Ford determinedly insisting he assaulted her when they were teens.

Emotions were still running high Friday, and protesters confronted senators in the halls. "The country is being ripped apart here," said Flake. After he took his stance, Republican leaders had little choice but to slow their rush to confirm Kavanaugh, whom they had hoped to have in place shortly after the new court term begins on Monday.

Trump quietly followed suit, though he had vigorously resisted asking the FBI to probe the allegations of sexual misconduct by Kavanauah, now beina raised by three women. One day earlier, he had blistered the Senate process as "a total sham," accused Democrats of a conspiracy of obstruction and declared on Twitter, "The Senate must vote!" The new timeline puts Trump's nominee in further peril and pushes the politically risky vote for senators closer to the November congressional elections. It also means that any cases the Supreme Court hears before a ninth justice is in place will be decided by just eight, raising the possibility of tie votes.

It was clear Republicans were still short of votes for final Senate approval after Thursday's hearing. They convened late into the evening in a room in the Capitol with various senators, including Collins and Murkowski, raising pointed questions, according to those familiar with the private meeting but granted anonymity to discuss it.

Republican leaders said and Trump ordered — that the new probe be "limited in scope." But there was no specific direction as to



Protesters rally against Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh as the Senate Judiciary Committee debates his confirmation, Friday, Sept. 28, 2018, at the Supreme Court in Washington. **Associated Press**

what that might include. Two other women besides Ford have also lodged public sexual misconduct allegations against Kavanaugh. Democrats have been particularly focused on getting more information from Mark Judge, a high school friend of Kavanaugh who Ford said was also in the room during her alleged assault. Judge has said he does not recall any such incident. In a new letter to the Senate panel, he said he would cooperate with any law enforcement agency assigned to investigate "confidentially."

Kavanaugh issued his own statement through the White House saying he's been interviewed by the FBI before, done "background" calls with the Senate and answered questions under oath "about every topic" senators have asked. "I've done everything they have requested and will continue to cooperate," said the 53-year-old judge. Flake, a key moderate Republican, was at the center of Friday's uncertainty. In the morning, he announced he would support Kavanaugh's nomination. Shortly after, he was confronted in an elevator by two women who, through tears, said they were sexual assault victims and implored him to change his mind.

"Look at me and tell me that it doesn't matter what happened to me," said 23-year-old Maria Gallaaher, a volunteer with a liberal advocacy group.

The confrontation was cap-

would vote to advance Kavanaugh's nomination to the full Senate only if the FBI were to investigate. Democrats have been calling for such a probe, though Republicans and the White House have insisted it was unnecessary. The committee vote was 11-10 along party lines. Attention quickly turned to a handful of undeclared senators. Two other key Republicans, Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, said they backed the plan after they and other GOP senators met for an hour in Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's office in

the Capitol.

West Virginia Democrat Joe Manchin said he supported Flake's call for a further probe "so that our country can have confidence in the outcome of this vote." With a 51-49 majority, Senate Republicans have little margin for error on a final vote, especially given the fact that several Democrats facing tough re-election prospects this fall announced their opposition to Kavanaugh on Friday.

Bill Nelson of Florida, Joe Donnelly of Indiana and Jon Tester of Montana all said they would vote no.

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French Foreign Affairs Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian, left, and Ashton Carter, former U.S. Secretary of Defense, speak at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., on Friday, Sept. 28, 2018.

France calls for new global coalition of 'goodwill powers'

By COLLIN BINKLEY **Associated Press** CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) —

France's leaders proposed a new alliance of "goodwill powers" on Friday in an attempt to revive the type of global diplomacy that they say is being jeopardized by the United States, Russia and other countries that favor unilateralism over cooperation. French Foreign Affairs Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian announced the plan during a speech at Harvard University, suggesting that Europe should align itself with countries like India, Australia, Mexico and other "powerful democracies" that share a commitment to multilateralism.

His speech described an erosion of the brand of diplomacy that brought nations together following World War II and led to the creation of the United Nations, saying some countries now resort to disinformation and intimidation to pursue their own interests.

Speaking through an interpreter, he told The Associthe United States "methodically and regularly jeopardizes the fundamentals of multilateralism" through its approach to the U.N., trade deals and other international agreements."Do we have to suffer that situation without doing any-

thing, without taking any kind of initiative? I think our point of view is that we don't," he said. "In these uncertain times, it is important that we speak up."

Although it's still little more than an idea, the coalition would intend to go on with or without the United States. Still, the minister denied any attempt to isolate America, saying it would be embraced and could play a strong role if it chooses to join."We don't want to create any opposition. Our objective is to revive multilateralism, which has been the way of doing things since the end of World War II," he said. "It's not against anybody, but we see it as a real issue."

The proposal builds on French President Emmanuel Macron's recent calls for greater global cooperation, including a Tuesday speech at the annual meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Macron decried nationalism and self-interest in his shortly after U.S. President Donald Trump gave his own address defending an America-first policy and saying he rejects "the ideology of globalism" in favor of "the doctrine of patriotism."

At Harvard, Le Drian made ourselves in."

few direct references to Trump but cited behavior by the United States and Russia as two major factors in his decision to pursue a new alliance.

He criticized the U.S. for backing out on deals including a 2015 accord meant to stop Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, and he lamented that Russia and other nations have paralyzed the U.N. Security Council by invoking their veto power to block action. But he said there are plenty of other nations that would make good allies for France and its neighbors in Europe as they confront global problems including cybersecurity, immigration, climate change and international crises in Syria and Libya. Le Drian listed India, Australia, Japan, Canada and Mexico as possible allies that are committed to global cooperation. He issued a call "to create with them a collective action to initiate and suggest solutions." Still, he said discussions are just beginning, ated Press that he believes speech, which followed and it's too soon to know which countries may sign

> "Goodwill is just goodwill. It's open to anybody," he told the AP. "It's something that is being discussed as a way of getting out of the quagmire we're finding



Mike Pompeo, the United States Secretary of State, sits next to a picture of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founding father of Bangladesh, as he waits for the start of meeting with their Prime Minister in New York, Friday, Sept. 28, 2018.

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U.S. closes consulate in southern Iraq following attacks

By SUSANNAH GEORGE **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department said Friday that it would temporarily close the U.S. consulate in the southern Iraai city of Basra following a rocket attack earlier this month blamed on Iranian-backed militias.

Diplomatic staff and their families were being evacuated and consular services will be provided from the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo called it a "temporary relocation" in response to what he called "increasing and specific threats" from the Iranian government and militias under its control. He warned that the U.S. would respond to any more attacks. "I have advised the Government of Iran that the United States will hold Iran directly responsible for any harm to Americans or to our diplomatic facilities in Iraq or elsewhere and whether perpetrated by Iranian forces directly or by associated proxy militias," he said.

Basra hosts one of three U.S. diplomatic missions in Iraq. It is the country's oil capital and main port but remains one of the least developed parts of the

country. It has been shaken by violent protests in recent months over entrenched corruption and poor public services.

Earlier this month, protesters turned their rage on neighboring Iran, blaming its outsized influence in Iraq's political affairs for their misery. They stormed the Iranian consulate and set it on fire, causing significant damage.

About a week later, after a Shiite militia vowed revenge for the attack on the Iranian consulate, three Katyusha rockets were fired at Basra's airport, which houses the U.S. consulate. No casualties were reported. The temporary closure of the Basra consulate comes as the Trump administration is increasing pressure on Iran ahead of powerful sanctions set to take effect in November.

Trump administration withdrew from the landmark 2015 deal with Iran in May and has been gradually re-introducing sanctions against the government in Tehran. At a speech in New York this week, Pompeo ticked off a list of complaints against the Iranian government, from its support of Syrian President Bashar Assad and Houthi rebels in Yemen to sponsoring or plotting attempted terrorist attacks in Africa, Asia and Europe.





Government may gain new power to track, shoot down drones

By DAVID KOENIG **Associated Press**

An aviation bill Congress is rushing to approve contains a little-noticed section that would give authorities the power to track, intercept and destroy drones they consider a security judge's approval.

Supporters say law enforcement needs this power to protect Americans from terrorists who are learning how to use drones as deadly weapons.

They point to the Islamic State terrorist group's use of bomb-carrying drones on battlefields in Iraq, and warn that terrorists could go after civilian targets in the United States.

Critics say the provision would give the government unchecked power to decide when drones are a threat. They say the government could use its newfound power to restrict drone-camera news coverage of protests or controversial government facilities, such as the new detention centers for young migrants.

a huge bill that provides \$1.7 billion in disaster relief and authorizes programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, which regu- Attorney General Jeff Seslates drones. The House approved the measure Wednesday by a 398-23 vote, and the Senate is expected pass it on to President Donald Trump's desk in the coming days. The White House signaled support of the drone provision in July.

Sen. Ron Johnson, a Wisconsin Republican, troduced the Preventing Emerging Threats Act this year. It would give the Homeland Security Department and the Justice Department power to develop and deploy a system to threat, without needing a spot, track and shoot down drones, as unmanned aircraft are called. Officers would have the authority to hack a drone operator's signal and take control of the device.

The bill was never considered on its own by the full Senate or the House. Instead, in private negotiations that ended last weekend, it was tucked into a "must-pass" piece of FAA legislation.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen wrote in a recent op-ed that the threat of drone attacks "is outpacing our ability to respond."

She said criminals use drones to smuggle drugs across the border, but worse, terrorists like the Islamic State are deploying them on the battlefield.

"We need to acknowl-The provision is tucked in edge that our first and last chance to stop a malicious drone might be during its final approach to a target," she wrote.

sions said in a statement this week that the measure "would finally give federal law enforcement the authority we need to counter the use of drones by drug traffickers, terrorists and criminals."

The National Football League's top security ex-



In this July 11, 2018 file photo, s drone equipped with a thermal camera flies over the plants at the Pennsylvania Department of Natural Resources' Jennings Environmental Education Center on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 in Slippery Rock, Pa.

ecutive recently endorsed the bill's intent but said it should go further by letting trained local police officers intercept drones. The official, Cathy Lanier, a former Washington, D.C., police chief, said the NFL is alarmed by an increase in drone flyovers at stadiums. Opponents including the American Civil Liberties Union argue that the proposal gives the governout regard for the privacy and free-speech rights of legitimate drone operators. It exempts the government agencies from certain laws, including limits on wiretapping.

The bill provides no oversight or means to question a government decision about what is a "credible threat" and what is an "asset" or "facility" in need of protection when drones are nearby.

News organizations are increasingly using drones. They deploy them to cover natural disasters like the recent flooding from Hurricane Florence and also controversies such as the Trump administration's conseparated from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border.

"Being able to see footage of protests, the size of protests, being able to see facilities like those at the border is useful — those are newsworthy events," said

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India McKinney, a legislative analyst for the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

Without a specific means to protect First Amendment rights — something not in the bill — "it's entirely feasible to think that the DOJ or DHS could just decide that a drone owned by a news organization provides a credible threat and then destroys the footage," she said.

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> "It will chill newsgathering using drones by news organizations and individual journalists," said Mickey Osterreicher, lawyer for the press photographers group.



What's yogurt? Industry wants greater liberty to use term



This July 11, 2018, file photo shows yogurt on display at a grocery store in River Ridge, La.

By CANDICE CHOI AP Food & Health Writer NEW YORK (AP) — If low-fat yogurt is blended with fatty ingredients like coconut or chocolate, is it still low-fat? Is it even yogurt?

The U.S. government has rules about what can be called "yogurt," and the dairy industry says it's not clear what the answers are. Now it's hopeful it will finally get to use the term with greater liberty, with the Trump administration in the process of updating the yogurt definition.

The industry push to open up the yogurt standard illustrates how fraught it can be to define a food, especially as manufacturing practices and consumer tastes change.

Timothy Lytton, a professor of law at Georgia State University, notes the economic and political factors that determine food standards. "These are social constructions," Lytton said.

Government standards exist for a range of packaged foods, mostly for one-time pantry staples such as bread, jam and canned peas.

The standards were sup- Association, whose posed to ensure a level of bers include Chok quality as mass production none and Yoplait.

took hold decades ago.
But writing those rules

sometimes turned into a bureaucratic nightmare — peanut butter's definition took more than a decade — and regulators eventually stopped setting new standards. That's part of the reason foods like ketchup have rules, but others like mustard don't.

The ongoing dispute over yogurt offers a taste of how sour things can get.

The Food and Drug Administration established a standard for foods labeled as "yogurt" in 1981 that limited its ingredients.

The industry swiftly objected.

The following year, the agency suspended enforcement on various provisions and allowed the addition of preservatives.

A never-finalized 2009 proposal offered a unified standard and allowed emulsifiers as well. The yogurt industry says that has cultivated confusion and left it vulnerable to lawsuits. "What's the rule? I mean, make a rule," said Bailey Wood, spokesman for the International Dairy Foods Association, whose members include Chobani, Danone and Yoplait.

Adding to the confusion, the association says yogurt makers can opt to follow the 1981, 1982 or 2009 provisions in the absence of a final rule.

STANDARDS REVIEWED

FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb is reviving the matter with plans to "modernize" the standards. Milk producers take it as a sign the agency will crack down on soy and almond drinks that call themselves "milk," which the standards say comes from a cow.

Gottlieb has also called out yogurt as a category where there have been "innovations." An FDA email from June obtained by The Associated Press through a public records request includes "rulemaking action" for yogurt, though the attachment with the details was not released.

In addition to finalizing a yogurt standard, the International Dairy Foods Association is renewing its push to get rid of the requirement that regular yogurt have at least 3.25 percent milkfat.

It says that causes confusion over products that mix low-fat yogurt with ingredients like coconut that push up the fat content.

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The resulting product can be called neither "low-fat" nor "yogurt," the association says.

Instead, the association says regular yogurt should simply be required to have more than 3 grams of fat — whether it's from milkfat, coconut, chocolate or other ingredients. If the overall product has 3 grams of fat or less, then it could be labeled low-fat in line with the broader definition of "low fat," the group says.

THE PEANUT BUTTER RULE

Industry complaints about the standards aren't new. It's one reason finalizing the rules for peanut butter was such an ordeal.

The FDA proposed a peanut butter standard in the late 1950s after investigating Jif for having just 75 percent peanuts, according to Angie Boyce, a fellow at the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics who researched food standards.

The Peanut Butter Manufacturers Association objected, saying ingredients like oils and sweeteners make peanut butter tastier and easier to spread. Disagreement over exactly when a peanut spread turns into peanut butter spiraled into a yearslong fight.

It wasn't until 1970 that the FDA drew a line: Peanut butter needs to be at least 90 percent peanuts.

The Association for Dressing & Sauces has also been calling for the repeal of the standard for French dressing, given the proliferation of dressings like Ranch and Italian that do not have standards. The FDA appears to be preparing to grant that wish, according to an April email.

Over the years, the FDA moved away from trying to establish new standards in favor of requiring products to list ingredients and nutrition information, said Xaq Frohlich, a professor of food labeling at Auburn University.

The policy shift was partly a response to the rise of low-fat diets, he said. Products that may have once been considered cheap imitations were suddenly desirable because they didn't conform to the standards for fat.

LASTING DEFINITIONS

Debate around what foods can be called is popping up again as startups develop alternatives to meat and other products. It's a reminder of how messy it can be to spell out food meanings.

"Even if they seem right at the moment, they can very quickly become outdated," said Stuart Pape, an attorney who previously worked for the yogurt industry and vegan alternatives.

Food-makers can also get around existing standards with a little creativity.

A product named "Bred-Spred" once defied expectations for jam.

Cool Whip skirts the milkfat requirement for whipped cream. And in the yogurt section, there's now a nondairy product called Cashewgurt.

Such newcomers may be why the dairy industry still wants some guardrails around yogurt.

"You can't make something completely out of the line and call it yogurt," said John Allan of the dairy foods association.





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Facebook says 50M user accounts affected by security breach

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AP Technology Writers NEW YORK (AP) — Face-

book reported a major security breach in which 50 million user accounts were accessed by unknown at-

The attackers gained the ability to "seize control" of those accounts, Facebook said, by stealing digital keys the company uses to keep people logged in. Facebook has logged out owners of the 50 million affected accounts — plus another 40 million who were vulnerable to the attack. Users don't need to change their Facebook passwords, it said.

Facebook said it doesn't know who was behind the attacks or where they're based. In a call with reporters on Friday, CEO Mark Zuckerberg said that attackers would have had the ability to view private messages or post on someone's account, but there's no sign that they did.

"We do not yet know if any of the accounts were actually misused," Zuckerberg

Facebook shares fell \$4.38, or 2.6 percent, to close at \$164.46 on Friday.

The hack is the latest setback for Facebook during a tumultuous year of security problems and privacy issues . So far, though, none of that has significantly shaken the confidence of the company's 2 billion global users.

By MATT O'BRIEN and MAE The latest attack involved bugs in Facebook's "View As" feature, which lets people see how their profiles appear to others. The attackers used that vulnerability to steal the digital keys, known as "access tokens," from the accounts of people whose profiles were plugged into the "View As" feature — and then moved along from one user's Facebook friend to another. Possession of those tokens would allow attackers to control those accounts. One of the bugs was more than a year old and affected how the "View As" feature interacted with Facebook's video uploading feature for posting "happy birthday" messages, said Guy Rosen, Facebook's vice president of product management. But it wasn't until mid-September that

> "We haven't yet been able to determine if there was specific targeting" of particular accounts, Rosen said in a call with reporters. "It does seem broad. And we don't yet know who was behind these attacks and where they might be based."

Facebook noticed an up-

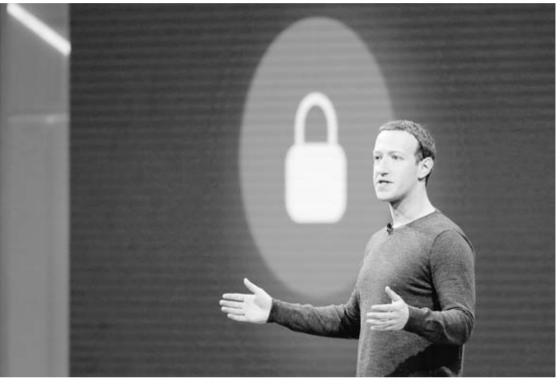
tick in unusual activity,

and not until this week that

it learned of the attack,

Rosen said.

Neither passwords credit card data was stolen, Rosen said. He said the company has alerted the FBI and regulators in the United States and Europe. Jake Williams, a security ex-



In this May 1, 2018, file photo, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg makes the keynote speech at F8, Facebook's developer conference in San Jose, Calif.

pert at Rendition Infosec, said he is concerned that the hack could have affected third party applications.

Williams noted that the "Facebook company's Login" feature lets users log into other apps and websites with their Facebook credentials. "These access tokens that were stolen show when a user is logged into Facebook and that may be enough to access a user's account on a third party site," he said.

Facebook confirmed late Friday that third party apps, including its own Instagram app, could have been affected.

"The vulnerability was on Facebook, but these access tokens enabled someone to use the account as if they were the accountholder themselves," Rosen said.

News broke early this year that a data analytics firm once employed by the Trump campaign, Cambridge Analytica, had improperly gained access to personal data from millions of user profiles. Then a congressional investigation found that agents from Russia and other countries have been posting fake political ads since at least 2016. In April, Zuckerberg appeared at a congressional hearing focused on Facebook's privacy practices.

The Facebook bug is reminiscent of a much larger attack on Yahoo in which attackers compromised 3 Yahoo, information stolen included names, email addresses, phone numbers, birthdates and security questions and answers. It was among a series of Yahoo hacks over several

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U.S. prosecutors later blamed Russian agents for using the information they stole from Yahoo to spy on Russian journalists, U.S. and Russian government officials and employees of financial services and other private businesses.

In Facebook's case, it may be too early to know how sophisticated the attackers were and if they were connected to a nation state, said Thomas Rid, a professor at the Johns Hopkins University. Rid said it could also be spammers or crimi-

"Nothing we've seen here billion accounts — enough is so sophisticated that it for half of the world's entire requires a state actor," Rid population. In the case of said. "Fifty million random Facebook accounts are not interesting for any intelligence agency."

> Ed Mierzwinski, the senior director of consumer advocacy group U.S. PIRG, said the breach was "very troubling."



We too: At gathering of nations, women's voices ring loud



U.N. General Assembly President María Fernanda Espinosa Garces addresses the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly, at U.N. headquarters, Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018.

By ANGELA CHARLTON **Associated Press**

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — In a pivotal week for women in the United States, the U.N. put forth its own clarion set of female voices at its annual meeting of nations. And women's empowerment was only one of their rallying cries.

At the U.N. General Assembly, the first since the #metoo movement took root in Fall 2017 and began to amplify women's voices in a new way, some of the most powerful words have come from the mouths of female leaders, a group whose numbers, influence and ambitions for the planet are on the rise.

Female leaders presented roadmaps for peace in central Africa and the Balkans, challenged governments to fight anti-Semied — or espoused — nationalist rhetoric.

One, Serbia's prime minister, called for a "world which is freer, fairer, and which is also, if I am to be honest, more fun."

The number of women presidents and prime ministers among the U.N.'s 193 member states doubled to 19 — from 2005 to 2016, according to a report released last year by the U.N and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, an independent group. Women held about 18 percent of the government ministers' posts and 23 percent of parliamentary seats worldwide, the report found.

This year, the U.N. itself set the tone, listing women's rights as the No. 1 priority for this year's General Assembly. "Violence against women persists in all reaions. Girls and teenagers still lack enough access to information and quality education," and discrimination against women depresses the global economy, said María Fernanda weeklong event.

exceptional cultural moment for women across the United States. As world leaders converged on the United Nations, Americans

(and some at the U.N.) watched an odd and, to many, troubling spectacle as U.S. senators questioned a man who wants to serve on the highest court of the land and a woman who says he sexually assaulted her more than three decades ago.

The testimony prompted public argument and private soul-searching over the entrenched sexism that still underlines relations between men and women in the United States.

But hearing some of the addresses delivered here at the United Nations, it was clear: In many places beyond American borders, gender equality remains an even more distant dream.

"It seems surprising that in this modern age we have to recommit ourselves to gender equality, but we tism, exposed the dangers - Espinosa Garces, Idunch- - do,'' - said - New Zealand - — British Prime Minister Ineof trade barriers and resist- ing and presiding over the Prime Minister Jacinda Ard- resa May and Lithuanian ern. "We still have a gender President Dalia Grybuskaite Her message came at an pay gap, an over repre- stood up firmly against sentation of women in low paid work, and domestic violence. And we are not

alone."

ebrate the gains we have made for women domestically, while internationally other women and girls experience a lack of the most basic rights," she said.

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Ardern drew attention for bringing her baby to the U.N. But she said she wanted to make a broader point: that breastfeeding while leading a government should be ordinary, not newsworthy.

That, in fact, was part of what was so extraordinary this week: women leading, orating and outlining policy on topics that had absolutely nothing to do with gender. Yet women at the U.N. podium, like women leaders everywhere, still came under extra scrutiny. They combined authority and compassion, carving out their space in world affairs:

what they called Russian aggression.

— Estonian President Kersti Kaljulaid vaunted her "I for one will never cel- country's exceptional hightech vision for the future. UNESCO Director General Audrey Azoulay rallied Arab countries around a plan to use schools to fight

anti-Semitism. Costa Rican Vice Presi-

dent Epsy Campbell Barr, whose country's parliament is half female, proposed action against sexual violence used as a tactic of terrorists and a weapon of war.

Two women whose countries fought bitterly a generation ago, Croatian President Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic and Serbian Prime Minister Ana Brnabic, presented paths to Balkan peace. Both lead alongside men and are sometimes dismissed as windowdressing.

Both strongly defended their nations and brought timely messages to New York. There is work to do. Africa's presence at the U.N. this year was glaringly male. Africa's first female president, Liberia's Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, left office this year, leaving a vacuum on the continent with the world's fastest-growing population.

And the U.N. has yet to put a woman in charge. But Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has made a point to name women to top jobs, and this week they, too, made their mark. Deputy Secretary General Amina Mohammad greeted U.S. President Donald Trump when he arrived at the United Nations.

Espinosa is the first Latin American woman to preside over a U.N. General Assembly and only the fourth woman to do so in over seven decades of U.N. history. The sheer number of men celebrating Espinosa's leadership of the General Assembly suggests change is in the air.

"This is yet another reflection of the fact that, in the twenty-first century, global governance is inconceivable without the leadership of women," said Spanish Prime Minister Pedro San-

"Now," he said, "is the time for women."



Everybody on plane survives crash landing in Pacific lagoon

By NICK PERRY **Associated Press WELLINGTON, New Zealand**

(AP) — A passenger on a plane that crashed into a Pacific lagoon on Friday said the flight attendants were panicking and he saw water pouring through a hole in the side of the plane before he was able to escape.

Local boats helped rescue all 47 passengers and crew after the plane hit the water while trying to land at the Chuuk Island airport in the Micronesia archipelago.

Seven people were taken to a hospital, according to officials, including one described as being in critical but stable condition.

Passenger Bill Jaynes said the Air Niugini plane came in very low.

"I thought we landed hard," he said. "Until I looked over and saw a hole in the side of the plane and water was coming in. And I thought, well, this is not the way it's supposed to happen."

Jaynes said those aboard managed to wade through waist-deep water to the emergency exits on the sinking plane.

He said the flight attendants were yelling, and that he suffered a minor head injury. He said he called his wife, who started crying.

"I was really impressed with the locals who immediately started coming out in boats," he said in an interview with a missionary in Chuuk, Matthew Colson, that was posted online and shared with the AP.



Local fishing boats move in to recover the passengers and crew of Air Niugini flight following the plane crashing into the sea on its approach to Chuuk International Airport in the Federated States of Micronesia., Friday, Sept. 28, 2018.

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"One would think that they might be afraid to approach a plane that's just crashed."

The sequence of events remains unclear. The airline said the plane landed short of the runway. However, Jaynes said the only scenario he can imagine is that it hit the end of the runway and continued into the water.

working nearby on improving a wharf also helped in the rescue by using an inflatable boat to shuttle people ashore before the plane sank in about 30 meters (100 feet) of water.

The striking images of people being rescued from the half-submerged plane were reminiscent of the 2009 crash landing in New York City known as the "Mir-

acle on the Hudson." Louie Mallari, who was working at a hotel near the

airport, said he could hear

the whole thing happen. "As the plane approaches, the sound of the engine is getting stronger, then suddenly a splash of water," he said, adding that he then

He said it's a good thing that so many people use The U.S. Navy said sailors boats to travel and were able to quickly help with the rescue.

heard screaming.

"It's really fortunate that we didn't have any fatalities," said Glenn Harris, a government aviation security inspector for the Federated States of Micronesia.

Harris said the plane left from the Micronesian island of Pohnpei about 700 kilometers (435 miles) to the

the water at about 10 a.m. He said he has yet to see a passenger manifest, but typical passengers would include businesspeople from Micronesia, Papua New Guinea and Australia, as well as some tourists. Chuuk is known for its worldclass diving, with dozens of World War II shipwrecks visible in the clear waters.

Harris said he doesn't know what caused the crash landing or whether the pilots had alerted air traffic control of any problems. He said an investigative team would be on the ground in Chuuk by Saturday to figure out what went wrong. The airline said in a statement that the 35 passengers and 12 crew members aboard the Boeing 737 were all able to safeeast before ending up in ly evacuate. It said the weather was poor at the time, with heavy rain and reduced visibility.

The airline said it was making all efforts to ensure the ongoing safety of the passengers and meet their immediate needs. It said it was in touch with embassies, passenger representatives, stakeholders and families of the crew.

Air Niugini is the national airline of Papua New Guinea and has operated since 1973. The airline identified the flight as PX 073 with the registration number P2-PXE. Flight histories show the aircraft has made recent flights to Manila, Sydney and Singapore.

Air Niugini's network is concentrated on domestic routes linking the capital, Port Moresby, with isolated points across the Papua New Guinea archipelago, but it flies as far as Tokyo and Hong Kong.

The fleet includes Boeing 767 and 737 jets for international routes, according to the airline, as well as Fokker F-100 aircraft, Q400 and Dash 8 aircraft for challenging local terrain.

Micronesia, located north of Australia and east of the Philippines, is home to just over 100,000 people. It has close ties with the U.S. under an agreement known as a compact of free association.The crash landing comes less than two months before Papua New Guinea hosts the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, expected to draw world leaders beginning on Nov. 17.

Storm Zorba bears down on Greece, Athens area also alerted

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ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greek authorities have exern Greece over the week-kph (62 mph). the country.

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also placed on alert as tal and several other parts the national meteorological service said weather tended a severe weather conditions could be lifewarning to include greater threatening. Winds are ex-Athens and most of south- pected to reach up to 100

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southern mainland was Schools in the Greek capi- weather.

of the country were closed Friday.

Some ferry services from ports near Athens resumed Friday after being mostly halted for the previous two

celed, also due to bad



Waves crash on rocks near port town of Lavrio about 75 kilometers (48miles) south of Athens, on Thursday, Sept. 27,

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Pakistan's Ahmadis fearful as leaders bow to extremists

By KATHY GANNON **Associated Press**

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan's embattled Ahmadiyya minority enjoyed a brief moment of hope earlier this month when one of its own, U.S.-based Princeton economist, was appointed to an economic advisory council.

But the backlash from Islamic hard-liners, which led newly elected Prime Minister Imran Khan to quickly rescind the appointment under political pressure, has only underscored the Ahmadis' fraught position in the conservative, Muslimmajority country.

Ahmadis believe another Islamic prophet, Ahmad, appeared in the 19th century, a view at odds with the fundamental Islamic principle that Muhammad was the final messenger sent by God. Islamic hard-liners view them as heretics, and have successfully pressured past governments to pass draconian laws against the community. Ahmadis have also long been targeted by Islamic extremists, and are shunned by many mainstream Muslims.

Religious parties have never done well in Pakistan's elections, and last July's balloting was no exception. But the ability of hardline clerics to organize mass rallies and incite violence against political opponents has often forced even liberal governments to bow to their demands.

Khan, a cosmopolitan former cricket star who ran on a populist platform of combatting corruption, is the latest leader to give in.

In early September, he appointed Atif Mian, a respected Princeton professor of economics, public policy and finance, to an economic advisory council. Just 72 hours later. Khan sought Mian's resignation, which the economist announced on Twitter, saying he was stepping down "for the sake of the stability of the government."

"The government was facing a lot of adverse pressure regarding my appointment from the Mullahs (Muslim clerics) and their support-



In this May, 24, 2018 file photo, Pakistani volunteers collect debris from an Ahmadi mosque demolished by an angry mob, in the eastern city of Sialkot, Pakistan.

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ers," Mian said.

Several religious parties took part in this year's election, but as in previous voting, they garnered less than 10 percent of the popular vote. However, they have allies among all the major parties who rallied against the appointment, even introducing a resolution in the upper house of parliament to condemn the move.

Leading the charge was cleric Khadim Rizvi's political party, which won three provincial seats in southern Sindh province by campaigning on a single issue — the finality of the Prophet Muhammad. They also support a harsh blasphemy law that prescribes death for anyone found guilty of insulting Islam.

Rizvi's power was on display last November when he mobilized mass rallies over proposed electoral reforms that nealected to mention Islam's prophet. The two-week demonstration paralyzed the capital, Islamabad, leading to the sacking of a government minister and the legislation's revision. It may have also contributed to the ruling party's defeat in July. The firebrand cleric had S. Institute of Peace, said threatened to bring his supporters into the streets

again over Mian.

"The finality of the prophet and the blasphemy law is the most potent weapon because the mullahs know that no one can dare touch it," said Zahid Hussain, a defense analyst and the author of two books on militancy in Pakistan.

Mian had at least one defender. Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry sought to stem the controversy by pointing out that the position had nothing to do with religion or lawmaking, and that the newly elected government wanted to be inclusive.

"When I stood up and defended the appointment of Mian, I looked behind me and no one was there," Chaudhry said in an interview this week. "The problem is that you know the opposition will partner with the violence. You don't get the kind of support you need."

Despite their poor showing at the polls, the religious parties are "very effective," Chaudhry said. "They have the capacity to kill you. Extremism here is a reality. We cannot say it isn't," he said. Moeed Yusuf, a scholar at the Washington-based U. "Pakistani society has become deeply intolerant and many more than we

think sympathize with such views." Mian's resignation "shows the perceived power of the Islamists and the reluctance of both state and society to stand up to them given the costs they fear — including physical harm."

Mian's abrupt resignation came as a major blow to the 500,000-strong Ahmadi community, which already feels persecuted afraid. Many Ahmadis worry they could now lose their jobs, and say their children are often denied admission to certain schools.

Pakistan changed its constitution in 1974 to declare Ahmadis non-Muslims. Ten years later, the government declared it a criminal offense for Ahmadis to "pose as Muslims." They are forbidden from calling their places of worship mosques and cannot sound the call to prayer. Ahmadis have even been punished for using the common Arabic greeting "assalamu aleikum," which means "peace be upon you."

High Court Judge Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui recently issued a more than 170-page judgment that would force Ahmadis to take further steps to identify themselves publicly, which would expose them to even greater

discrimination and violence. It calls for Ahmadis to take names that identify their religion, bans them from wearing "Muslim clothing" — without specifying what that means — and bars them from taking the name "Ahmad." The judgment is being appealed.

"It is like Nazi Germany. They want to be able to identify us wherever we go," Usman Ahmad, a representative of the community, said. "The level of intolerance in Pakistan has never been as great as it is today. Every Ahmadi hides his identity."

"What does Pakistan want?" asked Salim Uddin, a spokesman for the community. "Do they want to eradicate Ahmadis? Do they want Ahmadis to leave Pakistan?"

Both men insisted on meeting in a non-descript guesthouse, rather than the official Ahmadi house of worship, a fortress-like building surrounded by high walls and guarded around the clock.

"This is not a new story in Pakistan. It's been happenina for decades, includina under more liberal governments," said Michael Kugelman, deputy director of the Asia program at the U.S.-based Wilson Center. "What makes it all more alarming now is that with new parties now involved in electoral politics, the hateful ideas and narratives that fuel discrimination and violence against Ahmadis and other religious minorities will gain more prominence," he said.



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SE Asia microcosm: 2 contrasting leaders address the UN

By MATTHEW PENNINGTON **Associated Press**

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Two veteran Southeast Asian leaders who appeared at the United Nations on Friday present a microcosm of a dynamic region enjoying rapid economic growth but struggling to fan away egregious human rights problems that follow it like a bad smell.

On the one hand is Malaysia's Mahathir Mohamad, who at the grand old age of 93 has shed his authoritarian past, ousted a rival accused of massive corruption through democratic change, and re-entered the international stage with

On the other is Cambodia's Hun Sen, who has ruled his nation with a combination of political guile and brute force for three decades, and comes to New York having won all the seats in an election after outlawing his main political opposition.

It was ever thus with the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations, an unwieldy mix of democracies and autocracies where politics struggles to keep pace with social change.

It's a grouping that carefully balances its relations between the United States and China but typically has few answers to international criticism over gross rights violations in its midst as it abstains from interfering in the affairs of its member states.

This year, ASEAN is shadowed by accusations of genocide perpetrated by the military in Myanmar against Rohingya Muslims. It's a rare instance in which the Western world and majority-Islamic nations have been united in outrage.



In this combination of two photos showing Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, left, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on Aug. 1, 2018, and Malaysia's Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad in Putrajaya, Malaysia, on Aug. 13, 2018.

That has spoiled what had been one of the region's democratic transition success stories. Just two years ago, Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi, a Nobel laureate and former political prisoner, received a hero's welcome when, after a historic election victory, she became the first civilian leader of her nation in five decades to address the General Assembly. This year she is notably absent and has sent a government minister in her place.

But two other familiar Southeast Asian icons are here — and their respective journeys are a telling reflection of the competing forces in their region — the popular desire for more democratresistance of entrenched leaders to change in political structures that they have dominated for decades.

Mahathir returned to the U.N. after a gap of 15 years. It's the culmination of a comeback remarkable for

more than just the Malaysian prime minister's age.

Angered by a graft scandal at the state investment fund, Mahathir emerged from political retirement and joined the opposition he had persecuted during his first, 22-year stint as leader. In the process he toppled a former protégé and the party at whose helm Mahathir oversaw the rapid development of his young country in the 1980s and 1990s while concentrating power under his increasingly authoritarian

Where once he was an archetype of "Asian values" — a paternalistic view of government that prioritized economic progress over inic accountability and the dividual rights — now he's showcasing Malaysia as a mature democracy that upholds the primacy of the rule of law. On Friday he also criticized Myanmar's treatment of the Rohingya and accused the rest of the world of failing to act. "Nations are independent,

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but does this mean that they have a right to massacre their own people?" he

At home, still-sprightly Mahathir is promising to hand over the reins of power within two years to Anwar Ibrahim, who had challenged Mahathir's rule two decades previously and was subsequently convicted and imprisoned for years on charges of sodomy that were widely regarded as politically motivated.

Contrast Malaysia's political renaissance with Cambodia's descent into autocracy under Hun Sen.

He's been in power for half of his 66 years and extended his rule last month after his party's walkover election win.

government-influenced courts had dissolved the only credible opposition party last year, and Hun Sen says he intends to stay in office for 10 more

On Thursday, a U.N. special rapporteur told the world

body's Human Rights Council that the elections had consigned Cambodia's democracy to history for the next five years. Hun Sen's party won every single parliamentary seat prompting rapporteur Rhona Smith to conclude: "The country is therefore de facto a single party state."

With the possible exception of the 1997 coup that Hun Sen launched against a co-premier that brought fighting to the streets of Phnom Penh, that marks a nadir in Cambodia's politics since its democracy was established on the back of internationally-endorsed peace accords in 1991 and massive United Nations support.

As U.S.-based supporters of the outlawed opposition party protested outside U.N. Headquarters, Hun Sen was still claiming Friday that it had been a "free, fair, and credible election." While the setbacks to human rights and democracy in Cambodia and Myanmar have drawn stiff criticism from the West, and from activists inside Southeast Asia itself, the wider trend lines suggest that authoritarianism is on the upswing in the region.

Democracy has been eroded in the Philippines by the strongman tendencies of its popularly elected leader Rodrigo Duterte; Thailand has been under military rule since 2014, and elections next year are unlikely to end the army's sway over politics. The opposition in Singapore has never had a sniff of power, and Vietnam and Laos have been under one-party rule since 1975. Only in Malaysia and the region's largest nation, Indonesia, does democracy appear entrenched or in the ascendant.



Pope defrocks Chilean priest at center of abuse scandal

By NICOLE WINFIELD **Associated Press**

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis has defrocked a Chilean priest who was a central character in the global sex abuse scandal rocking his papacy, invoking his "supreme" authority to stiffen an earlier sentence because of the "exceptional amount of damage" the priest's crimes had caused.

In a statement Friday, the Vatican said Francis had laicized 88-year-old Rev. Fernando Karadima, who was originally sanctioned in 2011 to live a lifetime of "penance and prayer" for having sexually abused minors in the upscale Santiago parish he ran.

The Vatican said Francis was doing so for "the good of the church."

"It is without doubt an exceptional measure, but Karadima's grave crimes have caused exceptional damage in Chile," Vatican spokesman Greg Burke

The "penance and prayer" sanction has been the Vatican's punishment of choice for elderly priests convicted of raping and molesting children. It has long been criticized by victims as too soft and essentially an allexpenses-paid retirement, and Karadima's whistleblowers had pressed for it to be toughened.

The Vatican cited no new



In this Nov. 11, 2015 file photo, Fernando Karadima is escorted from a court, after testifying in a case that three of his victims brought against the country's Catholic Church in Santiago, Chile. **Associated Press**

evidence or crime that prompted Francis to revisit the case and impose what clergy consider to be the equivalent of a death sentence. It said he acted out of his conscience and as a pastor, referencing the canon that lays out the pope's "supreme, full, immediate and universal power" to serve the people of God.

The statement said the decree, signed Thursday, takes effect immediately and that Karadima was informed of it Friday.

The decision appeared aimed at showing a gettough approach to sex abuse after a series of missteps by Francis and accusations by a former Vatican ambassador that Francis had rehabilitated a nowdisgraced former American cardinal early on in his papacy.

The move was welcomed by Chilean victims as overdue.

"I never thought I'd see this day," said Juan Carlos Cruz, a survivor of Karadima's abuse who has been a key driver in pushing for justice for victims and an overhaul of the Chilean church hierarchy.

Thanking Francis, tweeted: "I hope many survivors feel a bit of relief today." While some conservative critics might bristle at another display of raw papal power from the Argentine Jesuit, U.S. canon lawyer Nick Cafardi said Francis was actina fully within his legal right to revisit the case since there's no such thing as double jeopardy in canon law. "The pope has the ability to intensify a penalty," Cafardi said in an email.

Francis sparked a crisis in his papacy earlier this year when he strongly defended one of Karadima's protégés, Bishop Juan Barros, against accusations that

he had witnessed Karadima's abuse and ignored it. Francis had claimed that the accusations against Barros were "calumny" and politically motivated, and he defended his 2015 decision to appoint Barros bishop of a small Chilean diocese over the objections of the faithful and many in the Chilean hierarchy.

After realizing that something was amiss, Francis ordered a Vatican investigation that uncovered decades of abuse and cover-ups by the Chilean church leadership. Francis apologized to the victims, inviting Cruz and fellow survivors James Hamilton and Jose Andres Murillo to the Vatican for four days of talks. He set about making amends, including getting every active bishop in Chile to offer to resign.

To date, he has accepted seven of the more than 30 resignations offered, including that of Barros.

It was the second time in a month that Francis has laicized a Chilean priest, after five years in which the Vatican appeared to favor less drastic sentences.

On Sept. 15, the archdiocese of Santiago announced that Francis had defrocked the Rev. Christian Precht, citing the Latin terminology — "ex officio et pro bono Ecclesiae" — on his own authority and for the good of the church.



This photo provided by the news site Guiamedianeira, shows a gun, knives, and other items that were carried by a teenager that opened fire on students at a school in Medianeira, Parana state, Brazil, Friday, Sept. 28, 2018.

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Teens open fire in Brazil school, leaving 3 injured

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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Two teenage students opened fire at a school in southeastern Brazil on Friday, leaving three students injured.

at the Joao Manoel Monof Medianeira in Parana

In a statement, the state's police department said the two 15-year-old students rushed into the school and shot fellow students at random. Police said the teenagers were armed with a showed students running

nition and several homemade explosives.

Two students suffered light wounds to their leas and were released after being The shooting happened treated at a local hospital. the spinal cord and was listed in serious condition, police said.

> Police found the shooters hiding in a classroom and took them into custody.

> Cell phone video posted on the G1 news outlet

.22-caliber pistol, ammu- out of the school when the shooting began.

Police Inspector Denis Zortea Merino told G1 that the shooters said they were victims of bullying.

One of them reportedly One 18-year-old student said he was humiliated and drone school in the city was shot in the back near treated with contempt at

> Brazil, Latin America's largest nation, has long struggled to curb violence. The country is notorious for having the highest number of homicides in the world, with a record 63,880 slain last year.



LOCAL









A Tasty Show



PALM BEACH — Ling & Sons IGA Supercenter threw a tasty show last Thursday when they organized for the first time their Ling & Sons Food Show. The Marriott Ballroom was turned into a luxury market place where the most delicious and exquisite fruits, vegbrands, breads, gies, cheeses, wines and much more were offered. The supermarket showed their diversity and uniqueness in offerings from all kind. The show was mainly to show that Ling & Sons can make

it happen, no matter what are the requirements of the customer.

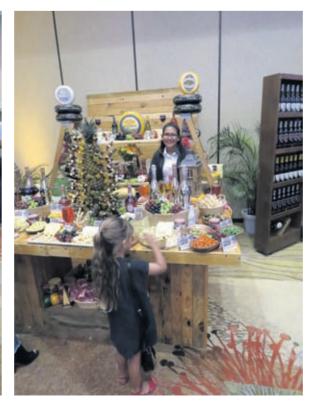
Everyone in the food business- hotels, retailers, restaurants, event planners, catering, chefs and other businesses was welcome to visit the food show between 10 AM and 5 PM and get to know everything Ling & Sons has to offer with regards to wholesale. A great variety of fruits and vegetables was presented with tastings of Dragon Fruits, Star Fruits and other exotic

fruits while Colorful cauliflowers draw the attention of the visitor. An exclusive line of seafood Rainforest from Jamaica included tasting of shrimps, salmon and mussels and international cheeses with surprising flavors like pesto green and bacon among others formed part of theshow.

The #1 brand in Holland Albert Heijn, IGA, gluten free, vegan homemade bakery products and specialty/gourmet products were other offerings. A wine tasting/presentation was presented by Divino and Pepia and ASD was present to showcase their range of eco-friendly packaging. According to Marlenne Maduro, Marketing & PR Manager, the show was highly appreciated by the visitors. "We have chosen to show what quality we have in-house and to what extend Ling & Sons can go with regards to variety and quality of our products."











Experience San Nicolas - Sani Market

SAN NICOLAS —Experience San Nicolas will take takes place in the city center of San Nicolas. Come and enjoy what this great City has to offer.

Starting from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM you can join different workshops taking place, taste locally brewed coffee, visit the museum, savor local food and dance to live music & live performances. The local market Sani Market will be filled with various local treats and numerous sweets. Come try homemade Johnny Cakes, snacks, dished and local soup. If you love the Caribbean then this is a must visit on your list.

If you wish to learn more about local history and the arts the local way, you can join the San Nicolas City Art Walk. This tour highlights

both museums, the murals, Cosecha Store with a final stop at the Sani market. The tour is provided by a guided professional. The starting time is 10:30 AM. Start point is Museum of Industry situated in the iconic Water

At Cosecha Creative Center you can join the workshop to make your own 3-in-1 jewelry. This jewelry piece will become a necklace, which you can use two ways and a bracelet too! Match this by making your own gold or silver plated earrings. The Cosecha also has locally handcrafted arts and paintings. Come by for an original and unique piece to take back home. The 3-in-1 jewelry workshops starts at 10:00 am.

During the Experience you

the Sunrise City by visiting can also visit the brand new museum in San Nicolas. If you would like to get to know more about Aruba's history, the Community Museum is the place to visit. Its nostalgic stories and illustrations create a vivid picture of Aruba's history, culture and community and will take you back in time. Entrance to the museum is free. From 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM there is a special event guided by the museum curator amongst special guests sharing the story of an unexpected coffee industry that took over the Island in the late sixties and seventies.

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The Strongest Man of Aruba will be held at fabulous MooMba Beach



PALM BEACH — The third edition of the Strongest Man of Aruba competition will again be held at MooMba Beach. From September 28th through September 30th, starting at 5pm.

The beach will be a showcase of sheer willpower, incredible trembling bulging biceps and other welltrained body parts. Judges will have a difficult task, judging game elements like Barrel Throw, Truck Pull, Stone Run, Log lift, Yoke Carry and Tire Flip to get to their conclusion of who is the winner.

During the competition MooMba will be ready to receive loads of fans, family members and friends of the athletes. The beach will be well-lit on the areas where the

competitions take place; there will be a bar on the beach, live music every evening as well as daily bands and DJ's, who will play until 1 am. On Sunday the participants are in for a surprise, as they are required to navigate a track during which a combination of various elements should be performed.

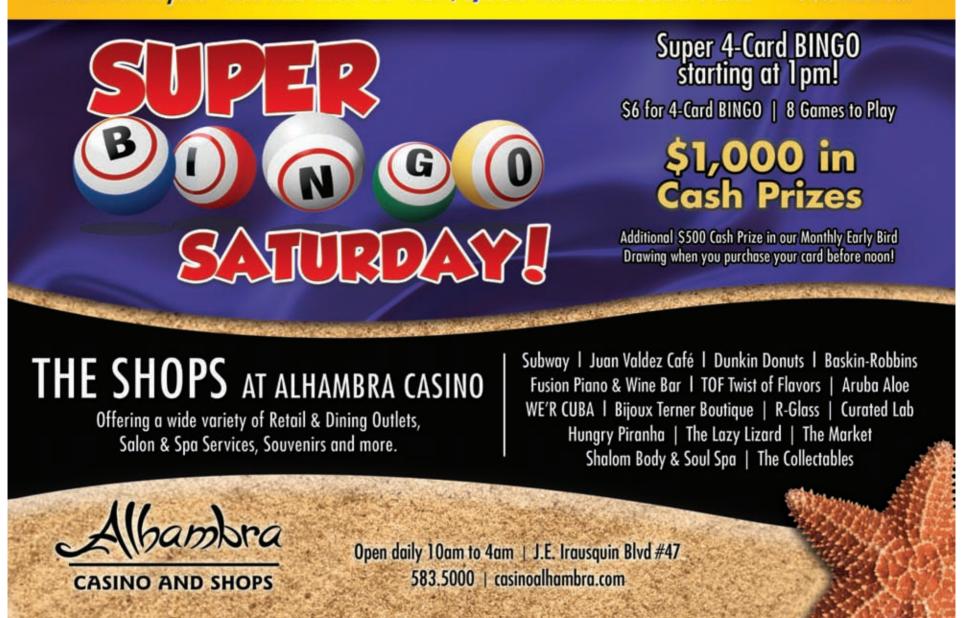
MooMba will host daily Happy Hours, from 6-7 pm and from 10 - 11 pm (Sundays no late happy hour).

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The Honorees are Mr. Wayne Davis & Mr. Charles Peabody, who have been coming to Aruba for 20 consecutive years and are staying at the Divi Dutch Village.

Emely together with Virginia Thijsen of the Divi Dutch Village presented the certificate to the honorees and handed over some presents to them and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years.

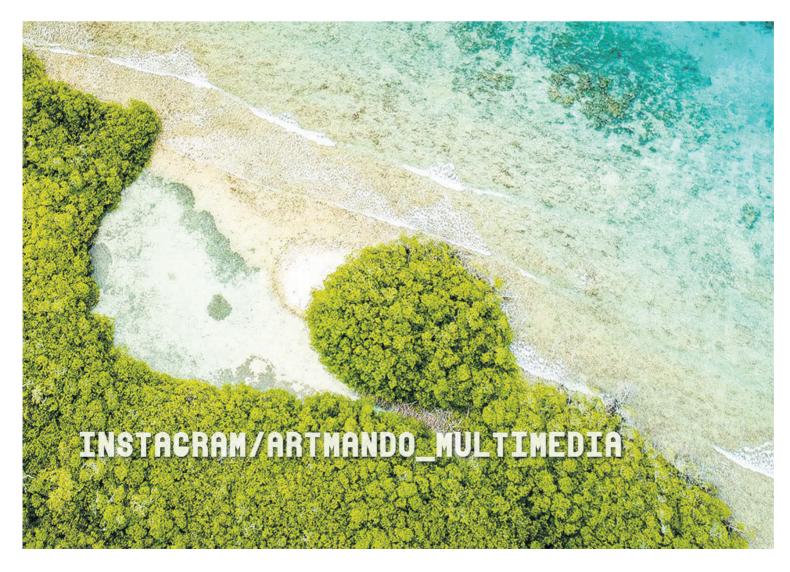








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SPORTS









Los Angeles Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald sacks Minnesota Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins during the second half in an NFL football game Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018, in Los Angeles.

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Goff has 465 yards, 5 TDs, propels Rams past Vikings, 38-31

By GREG BEACHAM AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jared Goff hit Cooper Kupp in stride with a 70-yard touchdown pass that was just as gloriously wide-open as Rams coach Sean McVay had predicted when they drew it up this week.

While his teammates celebrated, Goff ran to the sideline and pointed at McVay, who accepted the challenge with a celebratory chest bump.

"I was fired up for him," Goff said. "I told him after, 'I didn't mean to knock you over there.'"

Although the big quarter-back knocked the headset off his smaller coach's head, both men were left smiling. With that throw and several more of similar brilliance, Goff turned a phenomenal first half into the biggest game of his career.

BYLER Europe seizes Ryder-Cup lead with foursomes whitewash Bubba Watson of the US reacts after missing a putt on the !5th green during his foursome match with his teammate Weeb Simpson on the opening day of the 2018 Ryder Cup at Le Golf National in Saint Quentin-en-Yvelines, outside Paris, France, Friday, Sept. 28, 2018. **Associated Press** Page 18

Europe sweeps afternoon to build 5-3 lead in Ryder Cup

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer
SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES, France (AP) — Three
matches in the books, three
red points on the board,
and Tiger Woods was still on
the golf course.

This was exactly the start the Americans wanted in the Ryder Cup.

And then Europe finished even better.

Four hours later, the cheers at Le Golf National ramped up to a feverish pitch as Europe swept all four matches Friday afternoon for a 5-3. It was the first time Europe swept a session since 1989, and the first time ever at the Ryder Cup in foursomes.

"We didn't come here to win the foursomes," Francesco Molinari said. "We came here to win something else."

Molinari and Tommy Fleet-wood were the only Europeans to play both matches, and they won them both. They combined for five birdies over their last seven holes to polish off Woods and Patrick Reed and salvage something from a morning that belonged to the Americans. They took down Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas in the afternoon.

"It was a bit of a roller-coaster ride," European captain Thomas Bjorn said. "We know it's a marathon, and we're delighted with the way the day turned out because it was a fairly tough morning. We go home happy tonight, but we refocus and look forward to tomorrow."

The change was noticeable in the body language. The Americans walked tall and had reason to feel as though nothing could go wrong, especially Tony Finau. It was his amazing fortune that turned the tide in the morning. He and Brooks Koepka were 1 down to Justin Rose and Jon Rahm on the par-3 16th when Finau's 8-iron appeared headed for the water. Instead, it landed on the 12-inch wide boards that frame the green, soared into the air as the gallery gasped, and plopped down 3 feet from



Europe's Francesco Molinari celebrates after winning a foursome match with his partner Tommy Fleetwood on the opening day of the 42nd Ryder Cup at Le Golf National in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, outside Paris, France, Friday, Sept. 28, 2018.

the hole.

They wound up winning on the 18th when Rose hit into the water, the only time Finau and Koepka led all match.

In the afternoon, the mood changed in the mild air and freshening wind. Spieth was shaking his head after all those putts that dropped in the morning slid by the edge of the cup in the afternoon. Ian Poulter's eyes grew wider with each hole he won with Rory McIlroy in the afternoon.

"You see a change in body language," U.S. captain Jim Furyk said. "I'm sure the Europeans' body language significantly changed to all smiles and boisterous and hugs and high-fives, and I'm sure the looks on some of my players were not quite the happiest, and dead opposite this morning."

Furyk tried to see the big picture.

"It was four points out of 28 that we played for," he said. "We are not happy with it. I think we use it as motivation tomorrow."

The Americans are trying to end 25 years of losing the Ryder Cup in Europe, and for one morning, it looked as though this might be the time. By the end of the day, the Americans were seeing blue, and plenty of it.



Tiger Woods of the US, left, and Patrick Reed of the US line up a putt during their fourball match on the opening day of the 42nd Ryder Cup at Le Golf National in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, outside Paris, France, Friday, Sept. 28, 2018.

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Europe took the lead in every foursomes match and never let up. Rose teamed with old partner Henrik Stenson and dismantled Dustin Johnson and Rickie Fowler by winning five holes in a seven-hole stretch.

Right behind them, McIlroy recovered from his awful morning by joining forces with European stalwart Poulter, who lived up to his reputation.

They were 2 down early until Bubba Watson and Webb Simpson collapsed by losing four straight holes, three of them with bogeys. Phil Mickelson missed his first opening session since his rookie year in the Ryder Cup, and he was missing while in action during the afternoon. Mickelson and Bryson DeChambeau were 7 down at the turn and did well to at least get to the 14th hole, where Sergio Garcia and Alex Noren closed them out.

But this was more about Europe's great play. Garcia and Noren were 5 under at the turn, an astounding score on his golf course in

these windy conditions.

Thousands of fans, some of whom managed to get a seat for the opening tee shot in the grandstand that holds just under 7,000 surrounding the first tee, left Le Golf National chanting, cheering and singing over this wild turn of events.

Many would have been happy for Europe to keep it close, especially after Finau's big break. The gallery was so stunned that it booed Finau as he approached the green, and he paused before rapping in the short birdie putt.

"We'll take the breaks where we can get them," Finau said. "We needed one there."

Behind them, Thomas and Spieth lost a 3-up lead, and then Thomas holed a 6-foot birdie putt on the 15th hole to go 1 up. Spieth polished off their victory over Paul Casey and Tyrrell Hatton with a 3-foot par putt on the 18th.

In his return to the Ryder Cup for the first time since 2012, Woods quickly added to his losing record. Five days after Woods won the Tour Championship for his first victory after four back surgeries, he and Patrick Reed went cold at the end. They were 2 up until Molinari and Fleetwood went to work with a pair of Molinari birdies to tie the match, a pair of Fleetwood birdies to take the lead, and one last birdie putt from Molinari to finish them off.

The key moment was at the 15th, where Woods was in the left rough. Because of water surrounding the green, Woods told Reed he would lay up and make 4 to at least stay in the hole. Reed hit into the water, and Woods never had a chance at par. Fleetwood holed a 15-foot birdie from the fringe for the lead, and then the Englishman made a 35-footer on the next hole.

"They put it on us, and we couldn't answer," Woods said.

At least they have Saturday, when Furyk is sending out the same teams and can only hope for similar results to Friday morning.



Rams - Vikings 38-31



Los Angeles Rams wide receiver Cooper Kupp catches. touchdown pass during the first half in an NFL football game against the Minnesota Vikings Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018, in Los Angeles.

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And it was still just barely enough to beat Kirk Cousins and the Minnesota Vikings.

Goff passed for career highs of 465 yards and five touchdowns, winning a scintillating duel with his Minnesota counterpart and leading unbeaten Los Angeles to a 38-31 victory Thursday night.

Goff hit Kupp with two of his four TD throws during a 251-yard first half in which the third-year quarterback flawlessly executed the offense created by McVay. Goff finished 26 of 33 with a perfect 158.3 passer rating for the Rams (4-0), who won their third home game in 12 days.

"It was just great command by him," McVay said. "I think he's having fun. No moment is too big for him, and it gives you confidence when you see him playing like this."

But McVay then had to apprehensively watch while his former prize pupil nearly executed a comeback for the Vikings (1-2-1). McVay was Cousins' offensive coordinator in Washington before he became Goff's head coach on the West Coast last season.

Cousins passed for 422 yards and three touchdowns, but the Vikings lost when Los Angeles rookie

defensive lineman John Franklin-Myers strip-sacked Cousins near midfield with 1:18 to play.

"It's fun for us, personally," Goff said of his duel with Cousins. "I don't know if it's fun for the whole team, but it's cool. Kirk is a guy we watched on film forever last year. Got a lot of respect for him and the way he plays, and I just think he's such a great quarterback. To get a chance to go against him like that and kind of duke it out, I told him after the game how much I appreciated the battle with him."

Todd Gurley finished with 83 yards rushing and 73 yards receiving for the Rams. Gurley and Brandin Cooks had first-half TD catches, but the Vikings trimmed LA's lead to 31-28 late in the third quarter with Adam Thielen's 45-yard TD catch and a 2-point conversion.

Goff promptly surpassed his previous career highs for yards passing during a back since Kurt Warner did swift drive ending in Robert Woods' 31-yard TD catch, GRIFFEN OUT and the Rams' defense Minnesota defensive end hung on while the offense went scoreless in the fourth auarter.

One week after giving up 27 points in the first half and getting blown out as 16 1/2-point favorites in Buffalo, the Vikings gave up 28 before halftime against LA.

"We did not play well defensively," Vikings coach Mike Zimmer said. "Offensively we moved the ball well, but we had too many missed tackles, and too many people were left wide open. I've not ever had a team that's been this poor in pass coverage. We are going to have to look at everything."

A healthy throng of purpleclad fans turned out for the Vikings' first game in Los Angeles since 1993. They saw a show from Cousins, who hit Aldrick Robinson for two first-half scores.

Goff found Kupp with two beautiful TD throws in the first half, the first hitting Kupp in stride on that 70yard sprint , and the second eluding two Vikings and dropping into Kupp's hands deep in the end zone. Less than 2 1/2 minutes later, Goff hit Cooks down the middle for a 47yard score. Goff's four TD passes were the most in a first half by a Rams quarterit in 1999.

Everson Griffen posted a message on Instagram expressing his gratitude for support from his team and family. Griffen has been away from the Vikinas while undergoing a mental health evaluation, and he didn't get to return to

the Coliseum, where he starred for USC. Griffen said he doesn't know exactly when he'll be back in uniform, but he plans to "return as a much-improved person and player."

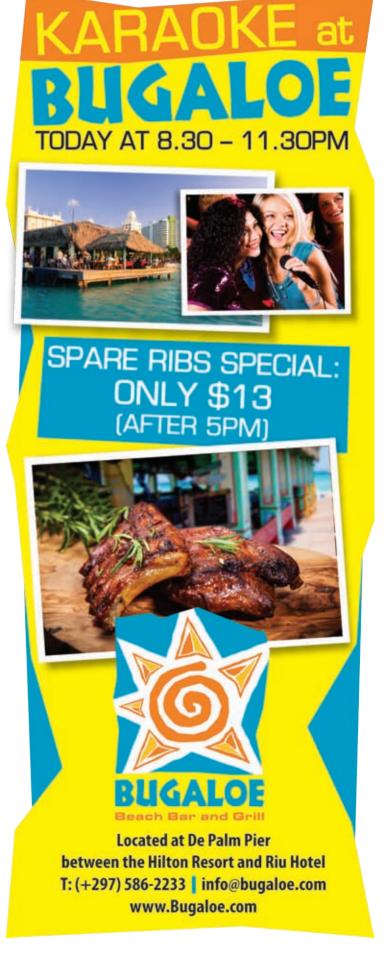
INJURY REPORT

Vikings: RB Dalvin Cook had 20 yards on 10 carries after missing last week's game with a hamstring injury. ... Goff's third and fourth TD throws beat CB

Trae Waynes, who missed the second half with a concussion. Rams: TE Tyler Higbee injured his knee early on. He returned later in the first half. ... CB Marcus Peters played after injuring his calf last week.

UP NEXT

Vikings: At the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday, Oct. 7. Rams: At the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday, Oct. 7.





Bucs, Bears in 1st place? Who would have thunk it?

There is no way anyone outside of Tampa or Chicago would have predicted the Bucs and Bears would both be first-place teams when they square off in Week 4. Sure, it's still plenty early in the schedule. Yet there's no denying both teams are ahead of schedule.

Although the Buccaneers (2-1) come off a 30-27 home loss to Pittsburgh last Monday night, their offense behind backup quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick has been dynamic. Fitzpatrick started the three games that starter Jameis Winston was suspended and made a strong argument for keeping the job. Fitz leads the NFL with 1,230 yards passing and is second with 11 TD passes. He's the only player in league history to throw for 400-plus yards in three consecutive games. Winston certainly has been impressed and promises not to make any waves.

"It's about the team's success. I'm not a selfish player, it's about our team," Winston said. "We're out here doing big things, and we've got to continue doing that."

Chicago (2-1) is doing big things on defense. The trade with Oakland for Khalil Mack has made a huge impact in the Windy City, making up for a mediocre offense.

Mack is tied for the league lead with four sacks, with at least one in each game, and leads the NFL with three forced fumbles.

"What he has done is completely elevated everybody else on defense," coach Matt Nagy said. "When that happens, that's rare, to have one guy affect a team like that."

Week 4 began with Jared Goff throwing for 465 yards and five touchdowns and getting a perfect quarterback rating in a 38-31 victory over Minnesota.

The Rams are 4-0, while the Vikings are 1-2-1 and haven't won since opening

On byes are Carolina and Washington.

Baltimore (2-1) at Pittsburgh (1-1-1)



In this Sept. 23, 2018, file photo, Indianapolis Colts' Adam Vinatieri kicks a field goal during the second half of an NFL football game against the Philadelphia Eagles, in Philadelphia. Vinatieri needs one field goal to break Morten Andersen's NFL record (565).

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Classic NFL matchup, Part I. The Steelers have won nine straight games on Sunday nights, twice over the Ravens. But Baltimore has a rekindled offense, with Joe Flacco off to a sizzling start, helped by a trio of new receivers. Newcomer Michael Crabtree leads the Ravens with 15 catches and needs six to reach 600 for his career.

Pittsburgh likely gets back top blocker David DeCastro for Ben Roethlisberger, whos is 21-3 in regularseason prime-time games at home, throwing for 55 touchdowns and 16 interceptions. Roethlisberger has thrown a TD pass in 45 straight home games, the third-longest streak in NFL

If this comes down to kicking, Baltimore has a huge edge. The Ravens' Justin Tucker has hit eight straight field goals from 50-plus yards and owns the best FG percentage (90.0) in NFL history. Pittsburgh's Chris Boswell has hit just one of four field goals; the three misses match his entire 2017 total.

Kansas City (3-0) at Denver (2-1), Monday night

Classic NFL matchup, Part

Another prime-time showcase worth watching, this is a series of streaks. The

Chiefs have taken five straight following seven straight losses. The offense is a buzzsaw: Kansas City is the third NFL team to score 38 or more points in its first three games (2007 Patriots, who were 16-0; 1967 Colts, who went 11-1-2).

Patrick Mahomes has established an NFL record with 13 TDs through three games and zero interceptions to lead the league with a 137.4 passer rating. The second-year QB credits the depth of talent around

"Guys everywhere," Mahomes said. "Knowing that I have those weapons, whenever someone has to get a break — we say if you're tired, get a break, because I know I can trust the next guy coming in."

The Chiefs can be scored on, though, and Denver had the NFL's third-ranked rushing game with rookies Royce Freeman and Phillip Lindsay, the first undrafted player to eclipse 100 scrimmage yards in his first two NFL games.

Plus, linebacker Von Miller , tied for the league lead with four sacks, is a Chiefs nemesis: Miller has eight sacks, 11 tackles for loss against Kansas City.

Miami (3-0) at New England (1-2)

Classic NFL matchup, Part

Yes, the Patriots have so dominated the AFC East that we forget there are other teams in the division. This is the one team Tom Brady has fallen to the most, 10 times. Of course, he has beaten the Dolphins 21 times.

Indeed, the last time the Dolphins won at New England was 2008, when Brady was sidelined by a knee in-

Miami already has seven interceptions; it had nine all of last season.

Meanwhile, the Patriots have struggled to find any consistency. They ranks 25th on offense — other than Rob Gronkowski, Brady has little comfort with any receivers — and 28th on defense. Bill Belichick was outcoached by his former defensive coordinator, Matt Patricia, last Sunday

But the Patriots have started slowly before and then become unstoppable.

Philadelphia (2-1) at Tennessee (2-1)

Philly likes playing AFC have won seven straight games against them, the team's longest active winning streak against any division.

This could come down to the running game, particularly if Titans QB Marcus Mariota still is struggling with a right elbow injury that has affected his grip. The Eagles rank first in run defense after finishing first last season and also lead the NFL in time of possession (36:03).

Cleveland (1-1-1) at Oakland (0-3)

There are good vibes by Lake Erie and bad ones in the Bay Area.

The Browns got their first win in 18 games by beating the Jets, and top overall draft choice Baker Mayfield led the way to take over as starting quarterback. Their defense has been relatively stout, led by the No. pick in the 2017 draft, Myles Garrett.

Oakland's decision to trade its best player, Mack, and then the 0-3 start has worn thin any luster on Jon Gruden's return. The Raiders are last in the NFL with three sacks, and tied for last with one takeaway. They have been outscored 37-3 in fourth quarters and are the second team in the last 20 years to start 0-3 when leading all three at halftime.

Detroit (1-2) at Dallas (1-2)

The Lions got off the schneid with that surprisingly dominant win against New England. They have the top-rated passing offense, but they also are a sieve against the run on defense. With Dallas struggling so much throwing the ball, look for RB Ezekiel Elliott to be very busy in this one.

Elliott is tied with the 49ers' Matt Breida for the NFL rushing lead with 274 yards. San Francisco (1-2) at Los Angeles Chargers (1-2)

Injuries probably have ruined the 49ers' season. After giving Jimmy Garoppolo his big payday, they will be without him for the remainder of this year after he tore his ACL against KC. C.J. Beathard, who was in South squads: The Eagles over his head last year in going 1-5, steps in.

> The Chargers have won the past four meetings and have a dangerous offense behind QB Philip Rivers and a ramped-up running game. 🔲



Sabathia ejected, Yanks rout Rays, near home field vs A's

By MARK DIDTLER **Associated Press**

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — CC Sabathia protected his teammates, not his wallet. The 38-year-old left-hander got his 246th win and moved the New York Yankees closer to hosting next week's AL wild-card game but may have cost himself a \$500,000 bonus.

Sabathia was ejected from Thursday's 12-1 win over the Tampa Bay Rays in the sixth inning for hitting Jesus Sucre on a leg in retaliation for Tampa Bay reliever Andrew Kittredge throwing a pitch behind Austin Romine.

Making his final regularseason start, Sabathia had thrown 55 pitches over five innings to raise his season innings total to 153 — two shy of a \$500,000 performance bonus in his contract.

"I don't really make decisions based on money, I guess," Sabathia said. "I just felt like it was the right thing to do."

Yankees manager Aaron Boone didn't rule out Sabathia (9-7) getting into a game this weekend in Boston.

"That's definitely above my pay grade," Boone said when asked whether New York should still pay the bo-

New York (98-61) ensured its winningest season since

going 103-59 en route to the 2009 World Series title and moved two games ahead of Oakland (96-63) for hosting the Oct. 3 wildcard game. The Yankees hold the tiebreaker, which means one more Yankees win or Athletics loss ensures the winner-take-all game would be in the Bronx. The wild-card winner advances to a Division Series against AL East champion Boston.

"We know what's at stake, and we took a good step toward it," Yankees slugger Giancarlo Stanton said after homering twice to raise his season total to 37.

Miguel Andujar and Luke Voit also went deep for the Yankees. New York's 260 homers tied the 2005 Texas Rangers for the secondmost in major league history, four behind the 1997 Seattle Mariners.

With New York ahead 7-0, Sabathia hit Jake Bauers on the knuckles of his right hand with an 88 mph twoseam fastball with two outs in the fifth.

Kittredge threw a 93 mph fastball behind Romine's neck with his initial pitch in the sixth, and plate umpire Vic Carapazza issued a warning to both benches.

"I think there's no question there was intent. You throw one over the head, I hated it," Boone said.



New York Yankees' CC Sabathia points at the Tampa Bay Rays dugout after he was ejected for hitting Tampa Bay Rays' Jesus Sucre with a pitch during the sixth inning of a baseball game Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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Sabathia started out of the Yankees dugout and had to be intercepted by Boone.

"I think we all took exception to that, I think, anytime you feel a player's safety is in jeopardy," Sabathia said. Romine turned to the catcher and asked Sucre, "Why?"

"You can't throw balls at people's head, plain and simple," Romine said.

After New York opened an 11-0 lead, Sabathia hit Sucre the lower left leg with a 93 cutter on his first pitch in the bottom half, causing Carapazza to eject the pitcher and Boone.

Sucre declined to comment, while Kittredge said it's "just baseball."

"Obviously that was a highand-tight pitch," Kittredge said. "That's not a comfortable feeling for him. It is what it is, I guess."

Sabathia stared and pointed toward the Tampa Bay bench while walking to the Yankees dugout after being tossed. Relievers in both bullpens stood up but the other players remained in the dugouts.

"You don't throw at someone's head. He did what he felt he needed to do," Stanton said of Sabathia.

Sabathia, likely the Yankees' fourth starter during the postseason, allowed one hit, lowered his season ERA to 3.65 and struck out five to increase his career total to 2,986. He has a \$10 million base salary in his one-year contract.

Luis Cessa and Jonathan Loaisiga completed a twohitter, giving New York its third straight series win. Cessa gave up C.J Cron's homer in the seventh.

Andujar hit a three-run homer during a four-run first off Jaime Schultz (2-2). Aaron Judge had a sacrifice fly and Voit hit an RBI double in a three-run fourth.

New York's four-run sixth included back-to-back solo homers by Voit and Stanton, who had his 32nd multihomer game.

Tampa Bay's Tommy Pham walked in the ninth to extend his on-base streak to 29 games, the longest active run in the AL.

Astudillo drives in career-high 4 as Twins top Tigers 9-3

By TYLER MASON **Associated Press**

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Willians Astudillo has quickly become a fan favorite in Minnesota. Games like the one Astudillo had Thursday only help add to the reputation of the player affectionately known as "La Tortuga."

Astudillo had a careerhigh four RBIs, Tyler Austin added three and the Twins beat the Detroit Tigers 9-3. Astudillo, playing in his 26th big league game, capped Minnesota's five-run third inning when his two-out sin-

gle drove in a pair of runs 2 1/3 innings due to lower double in the fifth.

"I'm just trying to go out there and try to swing at good pitches and it's working out for me so far," Astudillo said through a translator. "Just swinging at good pitches, and thankfully I'm executing."

Minnesota took two of three against Detroit in the final series between the teams this year. The Twins won the season series 12-7. Tigers starter Francisco Liriano (5-12) left after just

to give the Twins the lead. back tightness. The former He also added a two-run Twin exited with the bases loaded and wound up being charged with four runs. "He was having a hard time breathing out there," manager Ron Gardenhire said. "He was trying not to land hard on his front foot, every time he landed hard on his front foot, he felt shooting pain. Just got to get him out of the game."

It was Liriano's shortest start since the last time he faced the Twins back on Aug. 16, when he went just 1 2/3 innings.



Minnesota Twins' Willians Astudillo watches his sacrifice fly to drive in a go-ahead run off Chicago White Sox pitcher Reynaldo Lopez during the sixth inning in the first game of a baseball doubleheader Friday, Sept. 28, 2018, in Minneapolis.

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Cubs beat Pirates 3-0, open 1-game NL Central lead

By MATT CARLSON **Associated Press**

CHICAGO (AP) — Jon Lester felt he wasn't as sharp as usual, though the Cubs and their ace left-hander came through in the clutch.

Lester combined with three relievers on a four-hitter, David Bote hit an early tworun triple and the Cubs beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-0 on Thursday night to open a one-game NL Central lead over Milwaukee heading into the final weekend of the season.

A day after the Cubs and Brewers assured themselves of no worse than wild-card berths, Lester (18-6) escaped a bases-loaded jam in the first inning and allowed three hits and four walks over six innings. He improved to 6-1 with a 1.71 ERA in his last eight starts.

"His stuff looked normal from this side, but (Lester was) abnormal commandwise and he got through it," manager Joe Maddon said. "He battled. He showed his mettle tonight." The 34-year-old Lester said he ground out a "blue collar win" to keep the Cubs in first place.

"Sometimes when you're able to weave your way inside and out of trouble like tonight, these are the more rewarding wins than the ones where you have your good starts and are just able go out there and execute," said Lester, who



Chicago Cubs' Jon Lester, left, slides safely into home plate past Pittsburgh Pirates' Francisco Cervelli during the fourth inning of a baseball game Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018, in Chicago. **Associated Press**

threw 66 of 108 pitches for strikes.

Steve Cishek, Carl Edwards Dodgers. Jr. and Jesse Chavez followed, with Chavez pitching the ninth for his fourth save in five chances with Chicago.

Chicago (93-66) hosts St. Louis (87-72) in the final series starting Friday, while Milwaukee (92-67) is at home against Detroit. The Cardinals (87-72) trail the Los Angeles Dodgers by one game for the second wild-card berth.

The Cubs' win means the NL Central champion, Chicago or Milwaukee, will finish with the league's best record and will play the winner of Tuesday's wildcard game. East champion Atlanta will play the West champion, Colorado or the

And the Cubs, who didn't celebrate after clinching a fourth straight postseason berth on Wednesday, want the division crown.

"We've made the playoffs and nobody in that clubhouse is satisfied with that," Lester said. "I think we call kind of expect to win the division.

"We feel like that's one of our goals and hopefully that comes to fruition this weekend. We'll celebrate

Trevor Williams (14-10) gave up all three runs, eight hits and three walks in five innings. He had been 4-0 in six starts since losing to the

Cubs on Aug. 17 and is 7-3 with a 1.38 ERA since the All-Star break.

"I felt like it was a battle from the first pitch," Williams said. "This is their third time seeing me this season, and they can swing the bat.

"It's not going to give me a sour taste in my mouth, but it's going fire me up for this offseason and make me work extra hard to finish next season strong."

Bote started at third base in place of Kris Bryant, who missed his second game with a sore left wrist after getting hit by a pitch by Chris Archer on Tuesday. Lester singled in the fourth and scored on Daniel Murphy's single. MHAI IŁŚ

If the Cubs and Brewers finish tied for first, the Cubs would host an NL Central tiebreaker game Monday because Chicago won the season series 11-8.

CROWDS

The crowd of 38,415 pushed the Cubs season attendance at Wrigley Field over the 3 million mark for the third straight season.

RETURN OF KANG

The Pirates expect INF Jung Ho Kang to join the club Friday and be active for a season-ending series at Cincinnati in what would be his first major league appearance in two years. Kang, who plays third base and shortstop, hit .273 with 36 homers and 120 RBIs in 229 games for the Pirates in 2015 and 2016,

The 31-year-old didn't play in North America between September 2016 and June 2018 because of visa issues connected to three DUI arrests his native South Korea. TRAINER'S ROOM

Pirates: OF Jordan Luplow underwent an appendectomy Thursday at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. The 24-year-old appeared in 37 games this season.

Cubs: Manager Joe Maddon said Bryant could start Friday against St. Louis. Bryant, the 2016 NL MVP, had two stints on the disabled list this season because of left shoulder inflammation.

Teheran sharp in playoff audition, Braves fall to Mets 4-1

By BEN WALKER, AP Base**ball Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — Julio Teheran delivered a final pitch, watched the shortstop drift back to make a nice catch and walked off the mound clapping his right hand and glove together.

After the game, Braves manager Brian Snitker applauded Teheran, too.

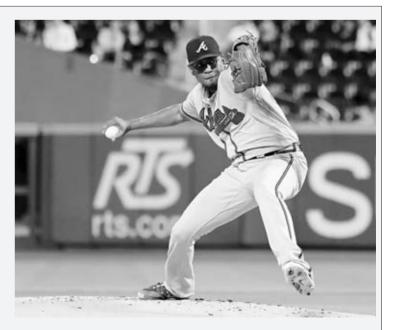
Teheran looked sharp in his last audition to become part of Atlanta's playoff rotation, throwing two-hit New York Mets.

"That's the way I wanted to finish the regular season," Teheran said.

Braves didn't start first baseman Freddie Freeman and center fielder advantage in that match-Ender Inciarte, and they were minus injured shortstop Dansby Swanson for the second straight game. Teheran (9-9) allowed one run, struck out five and walked two, and trailed

ball for six innings Thursday 1-0 when he exited. The night in a 4-1 loss to the start came exactly a week before the Braves are set to begin the postseason against the NL West champs, either Colorado The NL East champion or the Los Angeles Dodg-

> In the race for home-field up, Atlanta and Colorado are 89-70 and the Dodgers are 88-71; the Braves don't own either tiebreaker, having lost the head-tohead season series against both clubs.



Atlanta Braves pitcher Julio Teheran delivers the ball to the New York Mets during the first inning of a baseball game Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018, in New York.

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In this April 24, 2018, file photo, Breanna Stewart shoots during a practice for the U.S. national women's basketball team in Seattle.

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USA's Breanna Stewart shines at World Cup in Spain

By DOUG FEINBERG

AP Basketball Writer

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LA LAGUNA, Spain (AP) — For nearly a decade, Breanna Stewart has been making an impact with USA Basketball. Now a mainstay on the national team, the WNBA MVP is a big reason why the U.S. has been winning at the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup. She scored 19 points in the quarterfinal win over Nigeria and keyed the run in the second quarter the Americans used to rally from an early deficit for the 71-40 victory Friday. Next up for Stewart and her teammates is Belgium in the semifinal on Saturday. This is the second time the 24-year-old has played for the U.S. in the World Cup. Stewart was just a junior in college at UConn when she made the team. She was one of the last players off the bench in that tournament, but spent her time watching and learning. "I think especially for me, the World Cup four years ago, I didn't play that much, and I tried to absorb as much as I could then," Stewart said. "I knew two years later we had the Olympics, four years later we had the next World Cup. I wanted to be able to make an impact and I wanted my game to continue to grow to help the United States win as many gold medals as possible." U.S. coach Dawn Staley has watched Stewart grow as a player.

"I've been fortunate to be part of her progress on the USA Basketball national team," said Staley, who also served as an assistant coach for USA Basketball. "I watched her four years ago, and she was the young gun. She didn't play very much. But, you take someone like Stewie, she's looking. Although she's not playing, she's learning. She has a great idea of what the big picture looks like."m Every time Stewart has put a USA uniform on she's tended to win. She's 78-6 with the help of her teammates in her career already—the third most victories on the team behind only Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi. She has won world championships on the Under-17, U-19 squads as well as one with the national team. That doesn't count the FIBA America titles she helped the U.S. win as well.

No other American female basketball player has won as many international championships at 24. Stewart earned the 2018 WNBA MVP for both the regular season and finals. She's the 11th player to win a NCAA championship, WNBA title, World Cup, and Olympic gold medal.



In this Aug. 17, 2016, file photo, United States' Kerri Walsh Jennings reacts while playing Brazil during the women's beach volleyball bronze medal match of the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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Walsh Jennings splits focus at new p1440 beach v'ball tour

By JIMMY GOLEN AP Sports Writer

In addition to practicing her serve, set and spike, Kerri Walsh Jennings has been getting ready for her next beach volleyball tournament by sitting in on brand meetings, recruiting other players and lining up musical acts.

The five-time Olympian and triple Summer Games gold medalist is a founder of the p1440 tour, a sports and lifestyle festival that will hold its first event in San Jose, California, this weekend. Besides competing for a share of the \$300,000 purse — and learning to play with a new partner — Walsh Jennings is also running the event.

"I'm expecting to be nervous and stressed in different ways," she said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I'm looking forward to seeing this dream and this vision we've been working on so diligently come to life. This is literally my baby, and I want to kick ass."

The most successful beach volleyball player in history and the sport's biggest draw in the United States, if not the world, Walsh Jennings had a fallout with the domestic AVP tour over competing visions to

grow the sport. She formed her own circuit, naming it "p1440" for her desire to live each minute of the day with purpose.

The beach volleyball tournament on the home grounds of the MLS San Jose Earthquakes this weekend is the centerpiece of an entertainment and wellness festival that will include appropriately named musical acts like Grouplove and Foster the People.

Chefs will demonstrate healthy cooking; fitness experts will discuss training methods, yoga and recovery at a health and wellness village.

Walsh Jennings vowed to take some time to enjoy the experience — whether she is competing in the tournament finals, or disappointed with an early loss.

"Oh, hell yes," she said.
"We're p1440 for a reason.
It's all about living for the moment, and I want to practice what I preach. I want to feel the love and feel all the hard work.
This has been gnarly in an amazing way."

The tour also has stops planned in Las Vegas, San Diego and Huntington Beach, California, with four stops in 2019 planned, including Chicago. Walsh Jennings has been involved in organizing the events, asking out of just one duty: "I've told my team I don't want to be involved in seeding. When I'm at the event, I'm just an athlete. So please treat me that way."

It's all keeping her very busy. And she wouldn't have it any other way.

When asked if the planning was distracting her from her beach volleyball career and a chance to qualify for the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, Walsh Jennings said she considered the tour like her fourth child.

"My children don't interfere. They add another layer to life," she said, adding that she always has additional responsibilities at events as an endorser and an ambassador for the sport. "This is times 10, but it's familiar territory in many ways."

Adding another layer to Walsh Jennings' life right now: Because she isn't playing on the AVP tour, she has split with April Ross, her partner when they won the bronze medal at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro; Walsh Jennings won gold medals with Misty May-Treanor at the previous three Summer Games.



A U.S. privacy law could be good for Google - but bad for you

By MARCY GORDON and **MATT O'BRIEN Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is taking the first steps toward setting national rules governing how companies use consumers data — although one of its goals might be to prevent states from enacting stronger privacy protections of their own.

The approach being pondered by policymakers and pushed by the internet industry leans toward a relatively light government touch. That's in contrast to stricter European rules that took effect in May and a California law that takes effect in 2020. Other states are also considering more aggressive protections.

However it works out, any regulatory push will find it challenging to reconcile the concerns of privacy advocates who want people to have more control over the use of their personal data — where they've been, what they view, who their friends are —and the powerful companies who mine that information for profit.

During a Senate hearing Wednesday, several Dem-



In this Sept. 5, 2018, file photo, Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., speaks with reporters after the Republican's policy luncheon on Capitol Hill in Washington.

ocratic senators warned that a national law could simply be used to override state efforts. Calling that pre-emption the "Holy Grail" for the industry, Democratic Sen. Brian Schatz of Hawaii said it won't get the bipartisan support it needs if the goal is merely to replace California's law with a weaker, "non-progressive" federal statute.

Senior executives from AT&T, Amazon, Apple,

Google, Twitter and Charter Communications all told senators that they support a federal proposal that could negate "inconsistent" state privacy laws. Facebook, which faced a major congressional grilling over privacy back in April, was not present at the hearing. Apple, which doesn't rely on advertising for revenue, was the most vocal in support of a stronger federal law. Bud Tribble, Apple's

vice president of software technology, said the bar would have to be "high enough in the federal legislation" to provide meaningful consumer protections.

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The Senate Commerce Committee hearing comes amid increasing anxiety over safeauardina consumers' data online and recent scandals that have stoked outrage among users and politicians. The committee's chairman, Republican Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, said both Republicans and Democrats now want to reach consensus on a national privacy law that "will help consumers, promote innovation, reward organizations with little to hide and force shady practitioners to clean up their act."

An early move in President Donald Trump's tenure set the tone on data privacy. He signed a bill into law in April 2017 that allows internet providers to sell information about their customers' browsing habits. The legislation scrapped Obama-era online privacy rules aimed at giving consumers more control over how broadband companies like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon share that information.

Allie Bohm, policy counsel at the consumer group Public Knowledge, said examples abound of companies not only using the data to market products but also to profile consumers and restrict who sees their offerings: African Americans not getting access to ads for housing, minorities and older people excluded from seeing job postings.

Facebook unveils Quest, its new virtual-reality headset

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE **AP Technology Writer** SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg is off to a slow start in his mission to bring virtual reality to the masses, so perhaps it's appropriate his company's next VR headset will be called Quest.

The headset from Facebook's Oculus division will be a stand-alone device that won't require a smartphone or a connection to a personal computer to create artificial worlds.

The Quest won't be available until next spring, although Zuckerberg unveiled the new headset at an Oculus conference held Wednesday in San Jose, California.

Priced at \$399, the Quest will cost twice as much as the less powerful, stand-



This undated product image provided by Oculus shows the virtual reality headset Quest, which Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg unveiled at an Oculus conference on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018.

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earlier this year. But it's the same price as the Oculus Rift that tethers users to a PC.Zuckerbera eventually hopes to have 1 billion

alone Oculus Go released people using virtually reality, but he acknowledged Wednesday that Facebook may not have even reached 1 percent of that goal more than four years after paying \$2 billion to buy Oculus.

That implies fewer than 10 million people are using Oculus products, and recent data from the research firm International Data Corp. shows the stillnascent VR market has been losing momentum.

Shipments of VR headsets dropped 34 percent from last year during the April-June period, according to IDC. But the Oculus Go and a copycat, budget-priced headset from China's Xiaomi fared reasonably well, IDC said, with 212,000 devices shipped. That was even though they weren't available for the entire second quarter.

For all of 2018, IDC predicts shipments of VR headsets and devices built for a similar technology known as realms.

augmented reality will increase 31 percent from last year to 4.2 million.

That's still a relatively small number for a form of technology that has been drawing major investments from Facebook and other industry heavyweights such as Google, Microsoft, Sony, Samsung and Apple.

As he was last year when he announced the Oculus Go, Zuckerberg is counting on the Quest to widen VR's appeal. VR so far has attracted people interested in playing video games on them, but Zuckerberg believes it's only a matter of time before outside developers introduce other applications that will help lure people into buy one of Oculus' three different headsets to enter artificial



Chipmakers, energy companies led indexes higher; Tesla dives

By MARLEY JAY **Associated Press** NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are slightly higher Friday as gains for chipmakers give the technology sector a boost, and energy companies are rising with oil prices. Tesla is plunging after federal regulators moved to oust Elon Musk as the electric car maker's CEO following his tweet last month that he was close to a deal to take Tesla private. European stocks are falling after Italy's new government announced a big increase in spending. Italy's main stock index fell almost 4 percent and other European indexes also took sharp losses as investors worried that the government's plan will lead to a clash with European Union leaders who want Italy to reduce its debt level. Banks are skidding.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index gained 2 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,916 as of noon Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 44 points, or 0.2 percent, to 26,484. The Nasdaq composite picked up 8 points, or 0.1 percent, to 8,049. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks jumped 7 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,697.

It's been a down week for U.S. indexes, but the third quarter has been the strongest for the U.S. market in several years. The S&P is



This Dec. 21, 2016, file photo shows the New York Stock Exchange. The U.S. stock market opens at 9:30 a.m. EDT on Friday, Sept. 28, 2018.

Associated Press

up 7.1 percent in since the end of June, its best showing since a gain of just under 10 percent in the fourth quarter of 2013. Health care stocks have done the best.

ITALIAN SPENDING: The new spending plans announced by Italy's government would push its budget deficit to 2.4 percent of gross domestic product next year, a significant jump from previous government's target of 1.6 percent this year. While that's still within EU limits, it is likely to set up a clash with leaders who want Italy to bring down its debt level, which is the second-highest of any

EU country after Greece. Italy's FTSE MIB sank 3.7 percent while the German DAX gave up 1.5 percent. France's CAC 40 lost 0.9 percent and the FTSE 100 index in Britain shed 0.5 percent.

Yields on Italian government bonds rose sharply, a sign of lower investor confidence in the government's financial strength. The yield on Italy's 10-year bond jumped to 3.14 percent from 2.89 percent, a huge move.

Italian bank UniCredit sank 7 percent to \$12.93. Among European banks, Credit Suisse fell 2.2 percent to \$15.06 and Barclays dipped 2.7 percent to \$9.03. U.S. banks also took losses. Citigroup fell 1.2 percent to \$72.02 and Goldman Sachs shed 0.8 percent to \$225.95.

CHIPPING IN: Chipmakers rallied. Nvidia rose 4.2 percent to \$278.66 and Intel gained 3.6 percent to \$47.52 as technology companies continued to fare better than the rest of the market.

HAIRPIN TURN: Tesla dropped 11.7 percent to \$271.40 after the Securities and Exchange Commission said it has asked the U.S. District Court in Manhattan to bar Musk from serving as an officer or director of a public company. The

SEC launched an investigation after Musk tweeted in early August that he had secured the funding for a deal to take Tesla private. It soon became clear that the company wasn't close to a deal, and the SEC says Musk committed securities fraud with his statements about plans to take the company private.

Musk called the action unjustified. His tweet said the company would go private at \$420 per share, and the stock jumped to almost \$380 that day. It's fallen 29 percent since then.

ANTISOCIAL: While internet and communication companies did well in the third quarter, it was a brutal three months for a few familiar names. Twitter is the worst-performing stock on the S&P 500 index over the last three months, down 33.5 percent. The stock was on a huge run until late July, when Twitter reported weak user growth. Investors also worried about the possibility of greater regulation following hearings in Congress.

It's much the same for Facebook, which has dropped 14 percent this quarter, its worst three-month run in six years.

ASIA'S DAY: Japan's Nikkei 225 jumped 1.4 percent after the country agreed to open negotiations on a trade agreement with the United States. □

Underlying inflation in eurozone remains stubbornly low

By PAN PYLAS Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Underlying inflation across the 19-country eurozone remains stubbornly low, official figures showed Friday, in what is likely to be a disappointment to policymakers at the European Central Bank who have been predicting a pick-up. Statistics agency Eurostat said Friday that the core rate of consumer price inflation, which strips out volatile items like energy and food, fell to 0.9 percent in the year to September. That's down on the previous month's 1.0 percent Though the headline rate and confounded expectis above the ECB's goal of tations for a modest rise to 1.1 percent. Though the headline rate is above the ECB's goal of just below 2 percent, ratesetters want to see a pick-

The fall provides further evidence that recent pay increases, particularly in countries like Germany, have yet to fully feed through the economy by encouraging companies to raise prices.

The headline inflation rate, which includes all items, rose to 2.1 percent from 2 percent, but that was largely due to higher energy prices on the back of steadily increasing oil prices.

is above the ECB's goal of just below 2 percent, ratesetters want to see a pick-up in the underlying rate to make sure inflation is sustainable and not reliant on external factors like the price of oil.

This week, ECB President Mario Draghi said he expected underlying inflation to rise as a stronger job market pushes up wages. He cited annual growth

He cited annual growth in negotiated wages of 2.2 percent in the second quarter, up from 1.7 percent in the first quarter. He added that the cen-

tral bank was increasingly confident that the pick-up in wages would continue because wage agreements often last two years or more.

Peter Vanden Houte, chief eurozone economist at ING, said there could be factors linked to the recent slowdown in the eurozone's economic growth that may be offsetting the impact on inflation of higher wages.

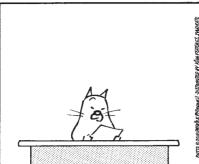
"European households' expectations regarding the labor market have deteriorated over the summer, which is unlikely to boost their wage bargaining power," he said.

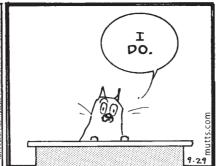
The fact that the headline rate has increased has been enough for the ECB to rein in its stimulus policies. In June, the ECB announced that its monthly bond purchase program would come to a halt at the end of the year. The program effectively involves printing new money to stoke lending and, ultimately, inflation.

But interest rates, including the headline rate, which stands at zero, are not expected to rise before well into next year.

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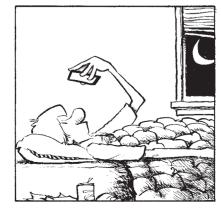


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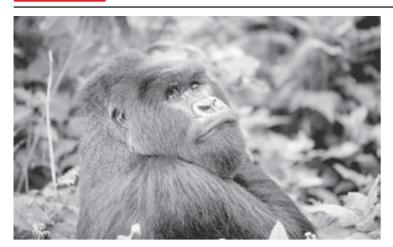
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In this Friday, Sept. 4, 2015 file photo, a male silverback mountain gorilla from the family of mountain gorillas named Amahoro, which means "peace" sits in the dense forest of Mount Bisoke volcano in Volcanoes National Park, northern Rwanda.

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Rwanda fee hike to visit gorillas leads to drop in tourists

By The Associated Press
VOLCANOES NATIONAL
PARK, Rwanda (AP) — Gorilla tourism is an important
income source for Rwanda, but a recent increase
in permit fees for safaris
meant a steep decline in
visitors.

Earlier this year the WWF conservation group said the mountain gorilla subspecies was making a comeback, with numbers above 600 from an estimated 480 in 2010 in the Virunga Massif, a mountainous area encompassing parts of Rwanda, Uganda and Congo.

In Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park, tourists routinely trek to see gorillas in their natural habitat. Conservation is big business in the East African nation, where tourism is the top foreign exchange earner.

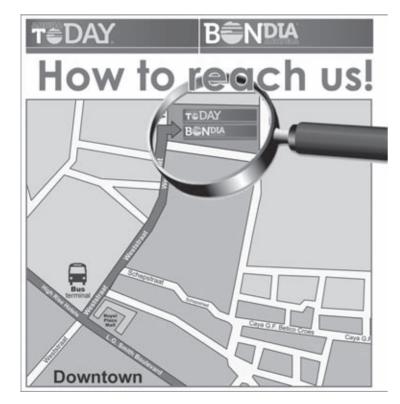
In May 2017 the government doubled the price of a permit to visit the gorillas from \$750 to \$1,500, making the fee the highest in the region. A similar fee is \$600 in Uganda and \$400 in Congo.

Since then Rwanda has lost some tourist business, with some in the hospitality industry saying they have lost income.

"It was chaotic. I can't estimate the percentage of tourists we lost but it was very bad," said Parfait Kajibwami, manager of Le Bambou Gorilla Lodge near the park. The lodge estimates it lost more than 40 percent of its clients.

Some tourists, however, have said they are happy to pay.

"I will only be able to do this once in my life," said Diege Joost from Germany.



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Warm waters boosted 2017's major hurricane tally, study says

By SETH BORENSTEIN **AP Science Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Atlantic's warmer waters triggered the unusual number of major hurricanes last year, according to a new study that predicts the region could see a couple of extra whopper storms each year by the end of the century.

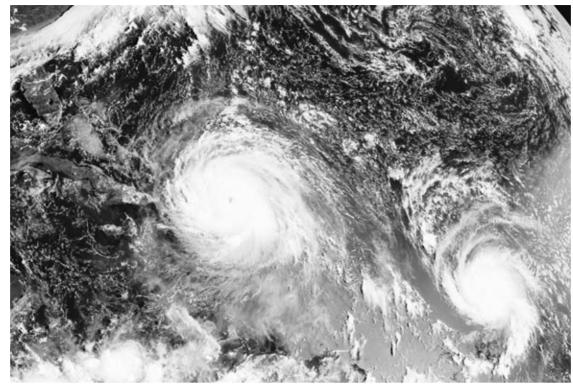
Six major hurricanes — with winds of at least 111 mph (178 kph) — spun around the Atlantic last year, including Harvey, Irma and Maria which hit parts of the United States and the Caribbean. Since 2000, the Atlantic has averaged three major hurricanes a year. Before that the average was closer to two.

It may go up to five to eight major hurricanes a year around the year 2100, according to a study in Thursday's journal Science.

"We will see more active hurricane seasons like 2017 in the future," said lead author Hiro Murakami, climate scientist and hurricane expert at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

So far this year, though, only one Atlantic hurricane, Florence, has reached major status.

Warm water acts as fuel for hurricanes. Water has to be



This Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017 satellite image made available by NOAA shows the eye of Hurricane Irma, left, just north of the island of Hispaniola, with Hurricane Jose, right, in the Atlantic Ocean. Six major hurricanes _ with winds of at least 111 mph (178 kph) _ spun around the Atlantic in 2017, including Harvey, Irma and Maria which hit parts of the United States and the Caribbean.

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at least 79 degrees (26 degrees Celsius) for a storm to form. The warmer the water, the more it can resist forces that would cause it to weaken, said University of Miami hurricane researcher Brian McNoldy, who wasn't part of the study.

Murakami found that a combination of natural conditions and man-made climate change made the waters warmer in one key

major storms. That area is essentially a large box from south of Florida and north of South America, stretching all the way east to Africa.

Some of the strongest Atlantic hurricanes form off the coast of West Africa, then chug west toward the Caribbean and the U.S. East Coast.

Water in that large box - the main hurricane dearea, which caused more velopment region — averaged 0.7 degrees (0.4 degrees Celsius) warmer than normal for the entire 2017 season, which is unusual for a six-month time period, Murakami said.

Murakami's study used computer simulations to isolate different climate conditions. Although his research showed both natural and human-triggered causes from the burning of coal, oil and gas, Murakami said he couldn't separate

jump around the asteroid.

them enough to see which was bigger.

He used the computer models to look into the future. The Atlantic is projected to warm faster than the rest of the world's oceans. That difference is why Murakami said the number of major storms will probably increase by two or more on average.

Some outside experts had issues with parts of Murakami's study.

McNoldy said it makes sense that the unusual warm water was to blame in 2017, but he wasn't quite ready to point the finger at global warming.

"Hurricane seasons don't just keep getting more active as the climate warms though. There is enormous variability," McNoldy said in an email. Kevin Trenberth of the National Center for Atmospheric Research faulted Murakami's study for not taking into account the large increase in ocean heat in deeper areas, which he said is also due to climate change.

Princeton University's Gabriel Vecchi said some computer simulations don't show the Atlantic warming fastest, so it's not quite as certain that there will be more major storms there in the future.

Photos from Japanese space rovers show asteroid is ... rocky

TOKYO (AP) — New photos taken on the surface of an asteroid show that it is (drum roll, please) ... rocky. It may be no surprise, but Japan space agency scientists and engineers are thrilled by the images being sent to Earth by two

jumping robotic rovers that they dropped onto an asteroid about 280 million kilometers (170 million miles)

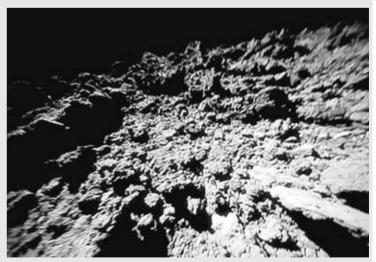
The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency posted the latest photos on its website late Thursday.

Beautiful Latin Girls Serving Men - Couple - Women - All Genders Bachelor Party Specialized, Call: 565-9535 the best in the Caribbean They show slightly tilted close-ups of the rocky surface from different loca-

"I cannot find words to express how happy I am that we were able to realize mobile exploration on the surface of an asteroid," project manager Yuichi Tsuda said on the space agency's website.

It took more than three years for the unmanned Hayabusa2 spacecraft to reach the vicinity of asteroid Ryugu.

One week ago, the craft successfully dropped a small capsule with two rov-



This Sept. 23, 2018 image captured by Rover-1B, and provided by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) shows the surface of asteroid Ryugu.

Associated Press

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Superman to The Fonz: Vintage lunchbox collection on sale

By DAN SEWELL **Associated Press**

CINCINNATI (AP) — Look, up on the shelf! It's Superman. There's the king of the wild frontier himself, Davy Crockett.

And over in that case is Davy Crockett again, except this time he's Daniel Boone (we'll explain later). And aaaaay! It's The Fonz and the whole "Happy Days" family!

A veteran auctioneer has on display a baby boomer delight: hundreds of vintage lunchboxes featuring the heroes of their childhood comic books, TV shows, cartoon strips, movies and more.

"I've never had anything like this," said J. Louis Karp, whose family-run business has been part of Cincinnati since the first years after the Civil War. "This is quite different."

Sure, you can go to any number of websites to buy old metal lunchboxes from the 1950s, '60s and '70s.

But to see 250 of them in the same place, to be able to pick them up, and then spot one just like mom packed for you with a pea-



In this Friday, Sept. 21, 2018 photo, owner J. Louis Karp stands beside a case of vintage lunchboxes at Main Auction Galleries Inc., in downtown Cincinnati.

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nut butter-and-jelly sandwich in the first grade. ... But back to the auction. Karp regularly sells large estates loaded with rare artwork, antique furniture and collectibles. He has sold vintage lunchboxes before, but never so many. The private collection's proceeds will benefit younger generations of the owner's

Weldon Adams, a collectibles expert for Dallasbased Heritage Auctions, viewed the lunchboxes online and said such a large, eclectic sale is a rarity.

"We've seen some sizable collections," said Adams. "Having all of them show up at one time is truly an impressive thing."

Younger people who like kitsch are among lunchbox buyers, Adams said, but they are particularly attractive to those who carried them as children because they are a powerful link "back to our identities of who we were as a child." Karp has 250 for an auction ending Sept. 30.

There are another 200 he's

planning to auction before the Christmas holidays.

There are lunchboxes with the late actor Fess Parker, who played Crockett and Boone in separate TV series. There is "The Brady Bunch" and "The Partridge Family." "The Addams Family" and "The Munsters." "Nancy Drew" and "The Hardy Boys." The Bee Gees and Bobby Sherman.

There are lesser-known ones: "Korg 70,000 B.C." "The Guns of Will Sonnett." "Goober and the Ghost Chasers."

Adams said a "wonderfully obscure" one he noticed was from "Here Come The Double Deckers," a British children's TV show.

Another is from "Fireball XL5," an early 1960s children's science fiction show with a fan cult.

"I'm stunned at the breadth of it," Adams said of the collection.

Bids start at \$20 each.

Karp shouted upstairs to son Justin, who with his brother Jonas marks the fifth generation of Karps in the auction business, to ask how much different lunchboxes have sold for online.

Music dominates Balmain's couture-infused Paris show

By THOMAS ADAMSON **Associated Press**

PARIS (AP) — Balmain's ode to Parisian couture impressed insiders at Paris Fashion Week on Friday almost as much as the show's infectious soundtrack, which had model Cara Delevingne lip-synching.

Issey Miyake, meanwhile, took the occasion to introduce a new inventive fashion material.

Here are some highlights from the Spring 2019 shows: **BALMAIN'S CHANNELS PAR-**IS FASHION AND MONU-**MENTS**

In homage to the French capital's reputation as a center of fashion design know-how, Balmain creative director Olivier Rousteing declared his mantra was mastering "the rules before you...break them." Guests at Balmain's ambitious spring show, including model Alessandra Am-



Models wear creations for Issey Miyake Spring/Summer 2019 ready-to-wear fashion collection presented in Paris, Friday, Sept. 28, 2018.

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delight as the presentation in deconstruction.

brosio and socialite Olivia mixed the fashion capital's Palermo, looked on with traditional couture DNA up

With white the dominant color, the Balmain atelier's needle-workers had gone

to work skillfully on construction,

A giant oval wrap that opened in segmented shell-like sections had guests snapping their cameras. The same shell-like sections were seen later, but this time deconstructed, looking almost-upside down, with a fan shape stitched onto a skirt.

The look — a skintight white peaked-shoulder gown was made with strips of material that were snipped away in places to resemble bandages — almost like the wrapping of an Egyptian mummy.

The Egypt idea, in fact, was revealed as a dominant theme as the collection progressed.

Rousteing explored his "fascination with the impressive obelisks, pyramids and columns that date from Napoleon's campaigns and adorn" Paris.



French scholar names model for artist Courbet's famous nude

By SYLVIE CORBET Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — She was a courtesan who relied on financial support from rich men —but preferred the company of women— and died with a reputation as an honorable patroness of orphans.

These are some of the biographical details unearthed by a French scholar who savs he has identified the model for a famous 19th century nude painting by artist Gustave Courbet. Constance Queniaux was 34-year-old in 1866 when the French master painted "L'Origine du monde" (The Origin of the World), French literature expert Claude Schopp said this week. The painting depicts a naked woman lying on her back with her legs spread and her face hidden by a rumpled sheet. The focus of the piece is her genitals.

Schopp said his discovery came by chance when he found Queniaux mentioned in a letter by French writer Alexandre Dumas fils, the son of "The Three Musketeers" author.



In this photo taken on Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018, French historian Claude Schopp poses for a photo in Paris.

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The letter said the woman having "the interior" put to canvas by Courbet was Mademoiselle Queniaux "from the opera."

The letter also suggested she was the mistress of an Ottoman diplomat, Halil Serif Pasha, known as Khalil Bey.

Schopp had never heard of

her, but immediately made the link with "L'Origine du monde."

Like a detective, he followed the trail from the last name and profession clues. He concluded she was Constance Queniaux and confirmed the conclusion with the help of France's national library experts.

Original photographs of her were held at the library.
"She had left very few trac-

es, but enough to follow her," the scholar said. Queniaux's name was

Queniaux's name was known to few people at the time — and that's how the identity of the woman in the painting was hidden for 150 years The painting, too, remained secret as successive owners were afraid to display it. Her birth certificate showed she was born in northern France to a single mother who was a textile worker and an unknown father.

At the age of 14, she joined the opera of Paris as an aspiring dancer.

The wages were low and ballet dancers needed "protectors" to pay for costumes and classes, Schopp said.

"She's going to live from men, but she mostly lives with women," he said.

Queniaux lived for a while within a group of female dancers and comedians, but proved to be "second rank" as a dancer, according to Schopp. She left ballet at age 28 and became the occasional mistress of Khalil Bey.

A very wealthy art collector, he was also a womanizer.

He commissioned two paintings by Courbet, including "L'Origine du monde," which he kept behind a green curtain for his private viewing pleasure.



Daisy Johnson, Rachel Kushner among Man Booker finalists



The panel of judges Jacqueline Rose, Kwame Anthony Appiah, Val McDermid, Leo Robson and Leanne Shapton pose during the Man Booker Prize 2018 shortlist announcement, at Riverbank House, in London, Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018.

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A novel in verse and a story about trees and the people who love them are among six finalists announced Thursday for the prestigious Man Booker Prize for fiction.

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U.K. poet Robin Robertson's verse novel about violence and social division
in contemporary America,
"The Long Take," and U.S.
novelist Richard Powers'
eco-saga "The Overstory"
— whose characters are
both human and arbo-

real — are on a list that includes three U.K. authors, two Americans and a Canadian."The Long Take" is one of two debut novels on the list, alongside "Everything Under," a story of words and memory by British writer Daisy Johnson. At 27, Johnson is the youngest-ever Booker finalist.

Rose, Kwame Anthony son and Leanne Shapton pose 8 shortlist announcement, at rsday, Sept. 20, 2018.

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U.S. writer Rachel Kushner's gritty women's prison story "The Mars Room" is also a finalist. "Washington Black," the saga of an escaped slave by Canada's Esi Edugyan, and "Milkman," a story by Northern Ireland writer Anna Burns set during the violent conflict known as the Troubles, round out the list.

The prize, subject to intense speculation and a flurry of betting, usually brings the victor a huge boost in sales and profile.



Willis Clan rebuilding their career after father's crimes

BV KRISTIN M. HALL Associated Press NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -

The Willis Clan, a musical family that starred in their own reality TV show and competed on "America's Got Talent," are now ready to sing again and tell their stories through a new album called "Speak My Mind" a year after their father was sent to prison for child abuse.

The Tennessee-based family was introduced to the world through the NBC talent show in 2014 as 12 singing and dancing siblings with ages ranging from 3 to 22. In 2015, they got their own reality show on TLC called "The Willis Family," portraying the homeschooled, religious family with varied artistic talents.

But that all came to an end in 2016 when their father Toby Willis was investigated by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation for years of abuse against underage family members. He pleaded guilty to four counts of child rape last year and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

Six members of the family,



In this Sept. 19, 2018, photo, members of the Willis Clan, from left, Jeanette Piatt, Jedidiah Willis, Jennifer McDowell, Jasmine Willis, Jeremiah Willis and Jackson Willis pose in Nashville, Tenn. **Associated Press**

ages ranging from 16 to 25, collaborated on the new record out Friday, in which they address the pain and abuse and their fear of their ordeal.

"We were just writing them for therapeutic reasons," said Jeremiah Willis, 25. "And after enough of those sonas have been written by various members of the

band we realized, 'This is good for us. I wonder if it can help other people."

But even for a family that spent so much of their lives speaking the truth about together and performing on stages, writing the songs was a difficult process. Jackson Willis, 20, said some of the songs were written through tears.

> "The content of the songs that are on this album, it's

not an easy subject," he said. "It's not an easy life experience that we all had." The title track, "Speak My Mind," was written by the eldest daughter of the family, Jessica Willis, long before their father's arrest. Although she is no longer in the band, her siblings saw the song in a new light as they worked on the new

"The song really is that just internal struggle of if I speak my mind, one, can I do it? Do I have the strength to? And if I do what will the outcome be?" said Jennifer McDowell, 23, "And I just resonated so well with it and I knew that it really just could work so well with the project."

After a lifetime of being under the control of their father, McDowell said they are each rediscovering their individual voices.

"There's definitely days where I personally I feel like, yeah I totally have the courage to speak my mind and to tell my story," Mc-Dowell said.

"And there are days that are just really hard and it's hard to talk about it at all. And I realized that it's going to be a process for the rest of my life."

For Jeremiah, the oldest of the boys in the family, he's struggled to understand his father's impact on his life. He said he no longer has a relationship with his father. "The song, 'How Much Of Me Is You,' is a question I will be asking myself for the rest of my life," he said.

Cher sings ABBA songs and the reason is sadly clear

By MARK KENNEDY **Associated Press** Cher, "Dancing Queen" (Warner Bros.)

OK, everyone, settle down. We have a question. This is important. No, really. Can someone turn the music down? Ready? OK: Put your hand up if you've ever asked for an album of ABBA covers by Cher. Seriously, who wanted this? Anyone?

Crickets? We thought so. Well, Cher, we guess, wanted it, maybe to buy a new yacht or fulfill some label requirement. Warner Bros. Records clearly did, too, if only to profit on the icon's appearance in "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again." The whiff of a quick buck is so sour here that it taints the Swedish band's bubsong's chorus goes: "Gimmie! Gimmie! Gimmie!"



bly compositions. Like one In this May 21, 2017 file photo, Cher performs at the Billboard Music Awards at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas.

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Cher offers a very deliberate, 10-track collection of classic ABBA songs, including "Waterloo," "Mamma Mia" and "SOS." Inexplicably, she returns to "Fernando" for another swing, having already supplied a version for the film's soundtrack. That cover is produced by former ABBA member Benny Andersson: the rest of the album is produced by Cher's longtime collaborator Mark Taylor. All the versions are fantastically well produced, mixed and arranged, but there's a strange coldness in these tracks, as if all the fun was drained. Cher takes them all very, very seriously, like they were tunes by Stephen Sondheim instead of frothy disco songs. Her take on "The Winner Takes It All" is especially preposterous and pompous.





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